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Bank governors ask IMF status for PLO

By Ahmed Shaaban
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JEDDAH, Feb. 21 — Central Bank governors of Islamic nations have asked the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank to invite the Palestine Liberation Organization to the meetings of both institutions, official sources said here Saturday.

The sources said the request was made by Sheikh Abdul Aziz Alquraishi, governor of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA), in his capacity as chairman of the recently held meeting of Muslim central bank governors in Riyadh.

Central bank governors and monetary authorities of member states of the OIC also adopted, at their Riyadh meeting in September, a PLO proposal on the generalization of the Arab boycott of Israel and the provision of further support to the Palestinian resistance, the sources said. The governors decided to encourage and facilitate marketing of Palestinian agricultural and industrial products in Islamic countries the sources added. (Israeli occupation authorities compel Palestinian farmers to sell their agricultural produce to the occupier at low prices):

Habib Chatti, secretary General of the 39 Nation Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) also cabled U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim demanding that the PLO be given observer status at the IMF and World Bank; according to these sources. Both requests were disclosed four days

Sale of F-15 spare parts

Israeli protest unheeded

By Bob Lebling
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WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 — Eight senators on the Foreign Relations Committee have sent a letter to President Reagan voicing "serious concern" over the possible sale of advanced F-15 accessories to Saudi Arabia, but diplomats here said the letter represented a failure for the Israeli lobby. The letter was signed by a minority of the 17-member committee, and seven of the eight signers were Democrats at a time when Republicans control the Senate, observers noted.

It was also significant that the letter did not specifically call on Reagan to reject the sale of fuel tanks and bomb racks for the 60 F-15 jet fighters the Kingdom will be receiving, diplomatic sources said. Instead, the letter simply urged the president to "consult" the Senate before making any final decision on the sale.

The senators' message was delivered to the White House Thursday night as Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir was arriving for several days of talks with U.S. officials. Shamir met Friday with Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. On Tuesday, the Israeli official will confer with President Reagan.

Shamir's visit to Washington has two chief objectives, according to informed sources. First, the foreign minister wants to demonstrate that the Begin government was a good working relationship with the Reagan administration, and thereby enhance his government's chances in the upcoming Israeli elections. Secondly, Shamir is hoping to persuade the administration not to support the expected European initiative for a Middle East peace settlement and the minister will try to prevent Reagan and his advisors from making new commitments to the Arab states.

Shortly before Shamir's arrival, aides to Haig contacted a number of key congressional staff members and urged them not to encourage public criticism of the F-15 accessories sale while the Israeli foreign minister was in Washington, sources said. The Israeli lobby may content itself with the letter from the eight senators, these sources said.

Pro-Israeli lobbyists had originally hoped to convince a majority of the full Senate to sign a strong letter to the president opposing the F-15 sale, but they soon realized they would not be able to achieve this goal, and the draft letter was withdrawn circulation on Capitol Hill.

Reagan's first month shows change in domestic and foreign policies

By Ralph Harris

SANTA BARBARA, California, Feb. 21 (R) — President Reagan's first month in office has been marked by strong efforts to change the course of U.S. policies at home and abroad. Reagan, 70, has given top priority to acting upon three central promises he made during the election campaign and the transition period.

In foreign policy, he or his aides have issued scathing criticism of Soviet foreign policies, criticism designed to underpin a tougher new U.S. approach to East-West relations.

At home, he has proposed economic policy changes more drastic than anything since the program for overcoming the great depression of the 1930. Last Wednesday, Reagan outlined his plan for slashing government spending and taxes.

Finally, the conservative Republican

before the meeting of the Executive Board of the IMF, due on Feb. 25, and which will discuss the question of the PLO. The World Bank's Executive Board will also take up the matter in meetings on Feb. 26 and 27.

Arab countries, lead by Saudi Arabia, had decided to withhold loans to the World Bank to protest the blocking of the PLO status by the United States at the two international institutions.

Earlier this week the United States and its allies were reportedly signaling their readiness to compromise with Saudi Arabia and other Arab states on the PLO status.

IMF sources in Washington have reported that the institution was negotiating with Saudi Arabia to borrow between \$3.7 billion and \$5 billion annually for the next three years.

The controversy over the PLO status followed the failure of the boards of the World Bank and the IMF to carry out recommendations by the chairman of the two U.N. agencies, Amir Jamal of Tanzania, calling for giving the PLO an observer status.

The United States and its allies then proposed amending by-laws of the World Bank and the IMF in favor of the PLO, but central bank governors of Islamic nations voted against the amendment.

The governors meanwhile, will hold their fourth annual meeting in Khartoum, Sudan, March 7-9, to follow up among other issues, the question of the PLO at the U.N. monetary agencies.



ARRIVAL: King Khaled receives King Carl XVI Gustav of Sweden at Riyadh airport Saturday morning. King Gustav arrived on a three-day official visit to the Kingdom at the invitation of King Khaled.

Royal couple tours Riyadh Kings exchange gifts

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, Feb. 21 — King Khaled and Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustav exchanged gifts in Riyadh Saturday afternoon at a meeting attended by Crown Prince Fahd, Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan, Sweden Foreign Minister Ola Ullstrom and other members of the two Kingdom's delegation.

The Swedish monarch formally began a 3-day state visit to the Kingdom Saturday morning, flying into Riyadh from Jeddah accompanied by the Saudi minister of state, Muhammad Ibrahim Massoud. They were met at the airport by King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd, Riyadh Governor Prince Salman, and other officials and dignitaries.

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King Carl received a set of gold, handled jugs, described as "very beautiful" as well as the King Abdul Aziz Award, during the half hour meeting. The meeting was also attended by the King's special adviser Dr. Rashad Pharaon, minister Massoud, and ambassador Kabbani of the Saudi foreign ministry. Prince Saud al Faisal was expected to return to the Kingdom Saturday night to be on hand for substantive discussions with his Swedish opposite number, Ola Ullstrom. Saturday night, Sweden's King and Queen were due to attend separate banquets held in their honor. During the day, the Swedish delegation, which includes two dozen journalists, was driven on a tour of Riyadh.

On Sunday, the Swedish royal couple, which is on its first visit to the Arab world, will tour the ministry of planning and the King Faisal Specialist hospital in Riyadh before driving to Al-Kharj to see the Swedish built dairy, the largest in the Kingdom.

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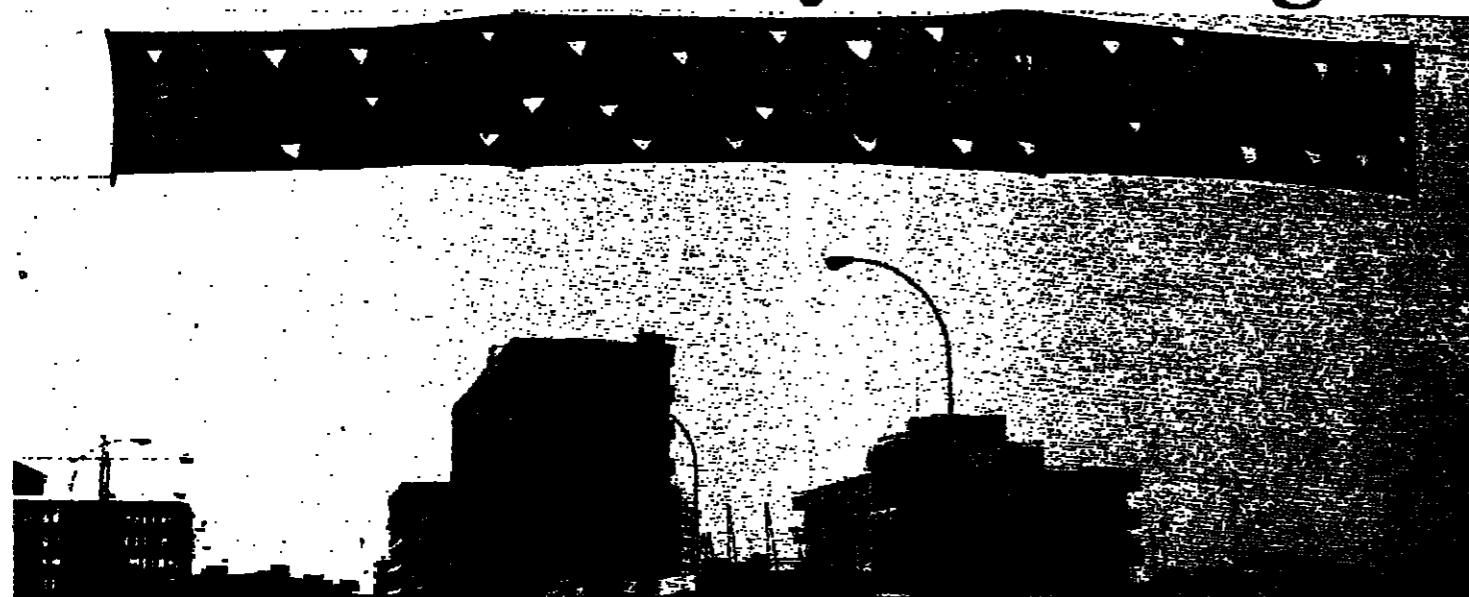
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Across Kingdom

National industry week begins



INDUSTRY WEEK: A banner straddling a Jeddah street proclaims the onset of National Industry week throughout the Kingdom.

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 21 — Exhibitions, seminars and guided tours through factories highlighted various activities here and in other Saudi Arabian cities as National Industry Week kicked off Saturday.

The Ministry of Industry and Electricity has gone all out to acquaint Saudi citizens with a variety of products manufactured locally. Discussing the industrial program of Saudi Arabia, Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosabi said the aim of the ministry is to set up useful industries within the framework of the Third Development plan.

The first plan emphasized the provision of infrastructure services, the second plan emphasized industries and the third plan will concentrate on exports of petrochemical products. Algosabi said industrial zones have been built in Riyadh, Jeddah, Hofuf, Dammam and Qassim, and the ministry has extended assistance to 600 new industries. In addition, national industries were promoted.

and foreign capital investment laws revised in the interest of the industry.

Six contracts have been signed for large-scale industries in Jubail and Yanbu, and the seventh agreement will be signed in the next few weeks. The iron and steel mills are under construction, and others are on the way and should start production within two years, he added. Algosabi said the quality of local industrial production is excellent and equal to the best produced abroad and that the Industrial Development Fund, which finances new industries in the private sector, has eased considerably its procedures. "There is nothing as easy," he added.

Meanwhile, deputy minister for industry, Dr. Fuad Al Farsi said there are 100 industries in the country at present, and have a total capital investment of SR26 billion. Some industrial products are being protected. For industries to be protected under law their products must be of good quality, meet part of the local demand and must be reasonably priced, he added.

In the Eastern Province, Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jilwi opened the industry

week in that province. He also dedicated the permanent national industries exhibition at the industrial zone. The week-long celebrations will include seminars, meetings, film shows on industries and other programs to bring about closer rapport between industries and the government. Special prizes will be awarded by the factories to their most efficient employees. The government and municipality also will give prizes to the factories for quality, safety and hygiene. In addition national factories situated in the industrial city will open their doors to the public. Visitors will see the factories and the items on display will be sold at a discount.

The highlight of the week was a caravan of floats being organized by various factories, which wound its way through the streets of Al Khobar and displayed the various types of agricultural products.

In Jeddah, 30 to 35 industries participated in a parade of floats. The cavalcade wound its way through the city and ended up at Jaziratul Afrah, opposite Al Hamra palace. Ahmad Bakr Al-Hibshi, Jeddah Industrial Estate director, told *Saudi Business* magazine that "What began as a National Industrial Day three years ago has grown into a National Industrial Week after permission was granted to the ministry by Crown Prince Fahd."

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In Riyadh Education exhibition planned

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 21 — The first education, training and sports equipment show to take place in Saudi Arabia has attracted 200 exhibitors from various countries, an exhibition press statement said Saturday.

Saudi Education '81 will take place at Al-Dhiafa Exhibition Center, in Riyadh on April 26. Riyadh was selected for the exhibition both for being situated within easy reach of other important cities, and because it is the base for government and major purchasing agencies, the statement said.

As Saudi Arabia enters its Third Five Year Development Plan, education enjoys priority

second only to aviation and defense. A budget of \$30 billion has been allocated to the building, equipping and running of schools, universities, education centers and sports facilities, the statement said.

By the year 1985, Saudi Arabia aims to have a 74,000 university student population with 37,000 graduates. In addition, 25,000 Saudi Arabeans will have passed through the Kingdom's educational training centers to form the nucleus of the future Saudi Arabian work force, according to the Overseas Exhibition Services Ltd. statement. In addition, Saudi Education '81 is supported by a conference with the theme "Vocational and Technical Training and Manpower Planning for further development of Saudi Arabia."

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Ullstrom explores Third World aid

Trilateral commission holds hope

By Nigel Harvey

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 21 — Sweden's foreign minister and Liberal party chairman Olof Ullstrom is anxious to explore the idea of international trilateral cooperation with his Saudi hosts during King Carl of Sweden's state visit this week.

Ullstrom said there exists unused productive capacity in the OECD countries, re-

mendous need in the developing world and underused surplus capital with the oil producing states — all of whom are dependent on each other. "If you put all three problems together, there you have a solution," he says.

He anticipates the economists' objections against naivety and technical insurmountability. "Technicians want to put problems on top of each other. But we should not be in their hands," he said. "We should give them direction, he added.

"What is lacking is leadership of the world, a constructive will to cooperate," he said. He also complained of "a lack of awareness in particular among the types of countries I represent."

Ullstrom is pinning his hopes on this June's North-South summit in Mexico, conceived as a follow up to last year's report from the Brandt commission which urged strong action to ease the yawning gap between the rich countries of the North and the poor of the South.

Vocation contracts total SR496m

RIYADH, Feb. 21 (SPA) — Three contracts totalling SR496 million were signed Saturday for the implementation of vocational training projects.

The contracts were signed by Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Anqari, the minister of labor and social affairs and board chairman of the General Organization for Technical and Vocational Training.

The first SR239,485,228 contract to be implemented within a 30 month period calls for the construction of an institute here for the training of instructors and a housing complex for instructors and trainees.

The second SR132,416,369 contract to be carried out within 26 months provides for the establishment of a vocational training center in Abha and a housing scheme for instructors and trainees. The third SR124,768,581 contract calls for the setting up of a similar center and housing compound in Ahsa.

Other training centers planned in Tabuk, Hail, Medina, Jouf, Mecca, Baha and Qatif will cost SR300 million. The contracts will be awarded to national and mixed firms. The implementation period is 20 months. Contracts totalling SR170,843,358 for two other centers in Beisha and Nijran were commissioned last October to be completed in two years.

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Prince Majed

Water plant closed

MECCA, Feb. 21 — Mecca Governor Prince Majed has ordered the suspension of SAFA water production plant for non-compliance with international specifications. He also blocked the sale of all existing bottles of that brand in shops and supermarkets pending an investigation. *Al-Nadwa* reported Saturday.

Tree week begins

QASIM, Feb. 21 (SPA) — The fourth tree-planting week for Qasim Region started Saturday with the aim of increasing the cultivated land and improving agriculture in the area.

The Palme Commission, he said, is hoping Saudi Arabia's foreign minister, Prince Saud Al Faisal, will join the regular discussions to probe the possibilities of slowly shedding the world's nuclear arsenals. He has accepted in principle, Palme said.

The Brandt commission's world development fund was intended to be the central spur to an urgent massive Marshall Plan type boon to third world development, with massive cash flows from the OECD and OPEC surplus countries like the Kingdom.

The General Directorate of Agriculture and Water in Qasim gave a ceremony to highlight the occasion. Prince Abdul Ilah, who attended the ceremony, hailed the Agriculture and Water Ministry's efforts to improve agriculture. He emphasized the need for expanding the cultivated sites in the country.

Saudi Arabia-Korean talks begin

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 21 — The fifth meeting of the Saudi Arabian-Korean Joint Committee will be held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Jeddah beginning Sunday, a Korean Embassy statement said.

The committee was established according to an agreement on economic and technical cooperation signed in 1975, the statement added. The Korean delegation for the meeting will be headed by Kim Dong-Whie, vice minister of foreign affairs of the Republic of Korea. Don-Whie arrived in the Kingdom Saturday and was received by Sheikh Abdullah Alireza, Saudi Arabian deputy minister of foreign affairs for economic and cultural affairs.

The proposed agenda for the meeting consists of discussions on economic and technical cooperation and trade promotion and cooperation in education, sports and cultural fields, the Korean embassy reported. After the meeting Dong-Whie will fly to Riyadh to pay a courtesy call on high-ranking authorities, the embassy said.

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Agricultural minister to visit

RIYADH, Feb. 21 (SPA) — Prof. Toasto Tabakman, Finnish minister of agriculture and forestry will arrive here Sunday on a four-day visit at the invitation of Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, agriculture and water minister. He will visit agriculture and water installations and give a lecture Tuesday at the ministry on Finland's experience in agricultural development.

Yemen police tour academy

RIYADH, Feb. 21 (SPA) — A delegation from North Yemen's Police Academy led by Lt. Col. Abdullah Al-Jassar, deputy commander of the academy, Saturday visited the Home Security Forces Academy and was briefed on its programs and activities. The delegation arrived here last Thursday on a short visit.

Al-Hamad meetings continue

RIYADH, Feb. 21 (SPA) — The higher committee for the \$8 million Al-Hamad area project opened meetings here Saturday, it discussed the means of improving the conditions of the inhabitants of the 172,000 square

kilometer area which is part of the common borders between Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Members of the committee are Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Syria and Iraq. The meetings are also attended by Dr. Muhammad Al-Hussein, director general of the Arab center for the study of arid land.

Officials change rules for driving license

RIYADH, Feb. 21 — Only those owning private cars will be permitted to apply for driving licenses, Abdullah Al-Utaibi, Jeddah's driving school director, said Saturday.

All driving schools in the Kingdom have been ordered not to accept any candidates unless they show proof that they own a car, Okaz reported. Exceptions will be made for those on whose passports are endorsed as professional drivers. Utaiibi said that the reason for the new law was that a large number of foreigners apply for licenses as soon as they set foot in the Kingdom without owning cars.

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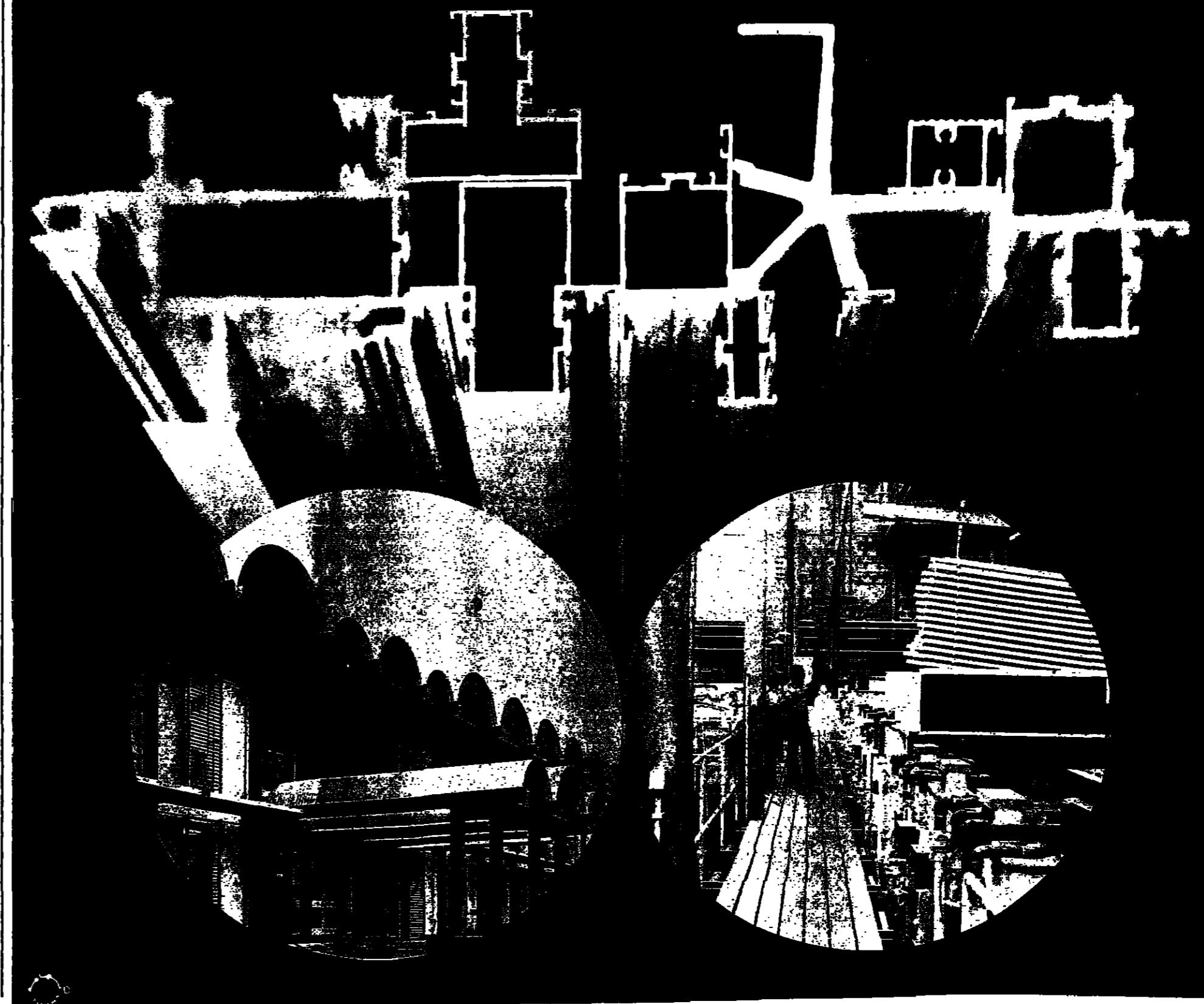
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Afghan president spurns French peace proposal

MOSCOW, Feb. 21 (Agencies) — Afghan President Babrak Karmal said Friday he opposes a French proposal for an international conference to negotiate and end the fighting in Afghanistan. "In principle, we declared and we declare now that we defy any attempts to give an international coloring to the Afghan question," the Soviet-supported Afghan leader said at a news conference that lasted nearly three hours.

French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing proposed recently that the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council—the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China—join Afghanistan and its neighbors in a conference to find a political solution that would bring peace to the nation where an estimated 85,000 Soviet troops are fighting Muslim Afghan freedom fighters.

But Karmal, here for the 26th Soviet Communist Party Congress, beginning Monday, rejected the idea and repeated his gov-

Dutch minister begins M.E. tour

THE HAGUE, Feb. 21 (R) — West European efforts to help break a deadlock in Middle East peace negotiations moved into a new phase Saturday when Dutch Foreign Minister Christof Van Der Kalauw left for visits to Syria, Jordan and Iraq.

The three countries are the first stops on a mission he is undertaking, as president of the European Economic Community (EEC) council of ministers, to lay the groundwork for a peace initiative by the 10-nation body.

However, as Klaauw left for Damascus, EEC governing officials said obstacles must

be overcome before the community could make a meaningful contribution to the peace process. The officials said the Dutch minister's one-week visit to the region was to hear Arab and Israeli leaders' views and not to make concrete proposals.

EEC member states also were not agreed on what form an initiative should take. Community Commission President Gaston Thorn, referring to proposals the EEC might put forward, said this week: "Everything is in movement. Nothing is fixed."

ATHENS, Feb. 21 (R) — Greek and Turkish diplomats will meet in Acara next month for talks on the settlement of territorial disputes in the Aegean, an authoritative source said. The source said Friday that the secretaries-general of the Greek and Turkish foreign ministries, Stavros Rousou and Kamuran Gurun, would meet for a seventh round of talks March 13 and 14.

Greece and Turkey are involved in dis-

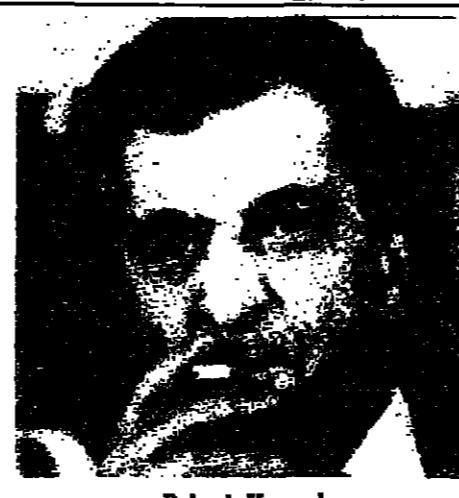
BRIEFS

NIAIMEY, (R) — Niger has authorized the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to open an office in Niamey, PLO's Advisor on African Affairs El Herfi Salmane said in Niamey Friday.

BEIRUT, (AP) — Iranian Islamic revolutionary guards seized 400 kilograms of opium after a shootout that left one smuggler killed and two arrested. Tehran radio reported.

CAIRO, (R) — Israel's ambassador to Cairo, Elihu Ben Elissar, has officially told Egypt on his decision to resign from his post and run in the Israeli general elections on June 30, the semi-official newspaper Al Ahram reported Saturday.

IZMIR (R) — Two Americans, who are serving 24-year jail sentences for smuggling drugs into Turkey, have been married in an Izmir prison, official said Saturday.



Babrak Karmal

Sarkis invited for U.S. visit

BEIRUT, Feb. 21 (Agencies) — President Elias Sarkis of Lebanon has been invited by U.S. President Ronald Reagan to visit the United States. Lebanese Foreign Minister Fuad Butros confirmed that Sarkis had received the invitation through the American ambassador in Beirut, but said a date for the visit was not yet known, sources said.

Sarkis also received a formal invitation from Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu to visit Romania.

Meanwhile, Romanian Foreign Minister Stefan Andrei left Beirut Saturday for home after a three-day visit to Lebanon during which he discussed developing bilateral ties and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

While in Beirut, Andrei met Sarkis and other leaders and discussed trade exchanges and the possibility of implementing development projects.

The Romanian minister also saw Palestinian commando chief Yasser Arafat for a full review of world developments, especially the situation in the Middle East, including the Gulf," according to the Palestine News Agency Wafa.

The agency said Andrei reaffirmed his full support for the Palestinian people's just demands, particularly the establishment of an independent state.

Romania, the only East European country maintaining diplomatic ties with Israel, has been playing an active role in efforts to resolve the Middle East conflict.

Kreisky to visit UAE

ABU DHABI, Feb. 21 (R) — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky will pay an official visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) next month, the official Emirates News Agency said Saturday. During his March 2-4 visit, he will discuss the Middle East and international situation and the development of bilateral relations with UAE leaders, the agency said.

Ethiopia said set for assault on Eritreans' stronghold

KEREN, Ethiopia, Feb. 21 (AP) — Western diplomats say the Soviet Union will soon deliver more helicopter gunships for what Ethiopia's forces expect to be a "successful" assault on the last important stronghold of Eritrean freedom fighters. Ethiopian military officers interviewed during a tour of several Eritrean towns, said privately they were confident of victory.

The Ethiopian push would take place against Nakfa, the mountain headquarters of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front. Government forces failed to take the town in two previous attempts.

Western sources believe the assault could come as soon as late February, before the rainy season normally begins in March. The rains are expected to be late and light this year.

Ethiopian officers said 30,000 government troops are stationed between Keren and Nakfa, about one-third of the forces deployed by Lt. Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam, the Ethiopian strong man, in Eritrea and Tigre provinces. Ethiopian intelligence sources say the EPLF has only one brigade — under 2,000 men — in Nakfa.

Sixteen of the helicopters, the same type as the Soviet Union uses in Afghanistan, were delivered last year and flown against fighters in Tigre, south of Eritrea, the diplomats said. The helicopters are part of a five-year-old, \$1.8 billion Soviet military aid program to Ethiopia's Marxist government.

The fighters in Eritrea, along the Red Sea where tankers carry 70 per cent of Western Europe's oil, have been waging a 19-year war for freedom. Some 20,000 EPLF fighters are said to be contained in the mountains north of Keren, along the Sudanese border. An estimated 10,000 Eritrean Liberation Front fighters are reported scattered along the coast and in southern Eritrea.

Diplomats said a government attack would violate a tacit understanding between Mengistu and Sudanese leader Jaafar Numeiri. Mengistu reportedly promised during a visit to Khartoum last year to seek a negotiated settlement and Numeiri agreed to restrict the rebels supply routes from Sudan.

Ethiopian authorities claim that disillusioned fighters are returning from Sudan to government reception centers following an amnesty.

U.N. may meet on Chad

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 21 (Agencies) — A demand of African leaders that Libya's troops be withdrawn from Chad and a proclaimed Libya-Chad merger be scrapped came out Friday as a document of the U.N. Security Council, laying the ground for a possible council meeting on Chad.

The demand was embodied in a communiqué that African heads of state put out after a summit meeting of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) in Lome, Togo, last Friday, regarding Chad.

The communiqué was issued as a Security Council document along with earlier related OAU pronouncements and a covering letter from Ambassador Abdul G. Koroma of Sierra Leone asking that all the papers be circulated as council document "as a matter of urgency."

Ali Nasser holds talks with Qaddafi

Beirut, Feb. 21 (R) — South Yemeni President Ali Nasser Muhammad had a five-hour meeting in Tripoli Friday night with Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi, the Libyan News Agency Jana reported Saturday. Ali, who arrived in Tripoli from Algiers, was due to leave for Damascus Saturday.

Official Syrian sources said discussions

The letter, addressed to French Ambassador Jacques Leprêtre as council president for February, said its object was "to bring to your high attention the situation in Chad." But he did not make a formal request for a council meeting. The council does not meet without such a request.

Meanwhile, Security Council members held private consultations late Friday on the situation in Chad. But no public debate was scheduled and Chad's U.N. mission sent the council a letter saying its government is strongly opposed to any such meeting.

The Foreign Minister of Sierra Leone Abdullai Conte, whose country currently holds the OAU chairmanship, was in New York this week for private talks on a possible council meeting but did not request one.

with Syrian President Hafez Assad would deal with the Arab-Israeli conflict and "ways of strengthening Arab steadfastness." South Yemen, Algeria, Syria, Libya and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) form the "Steadfastness and Confrontation Front" dedicated to opposing Egypt's peace moves toward Israel.

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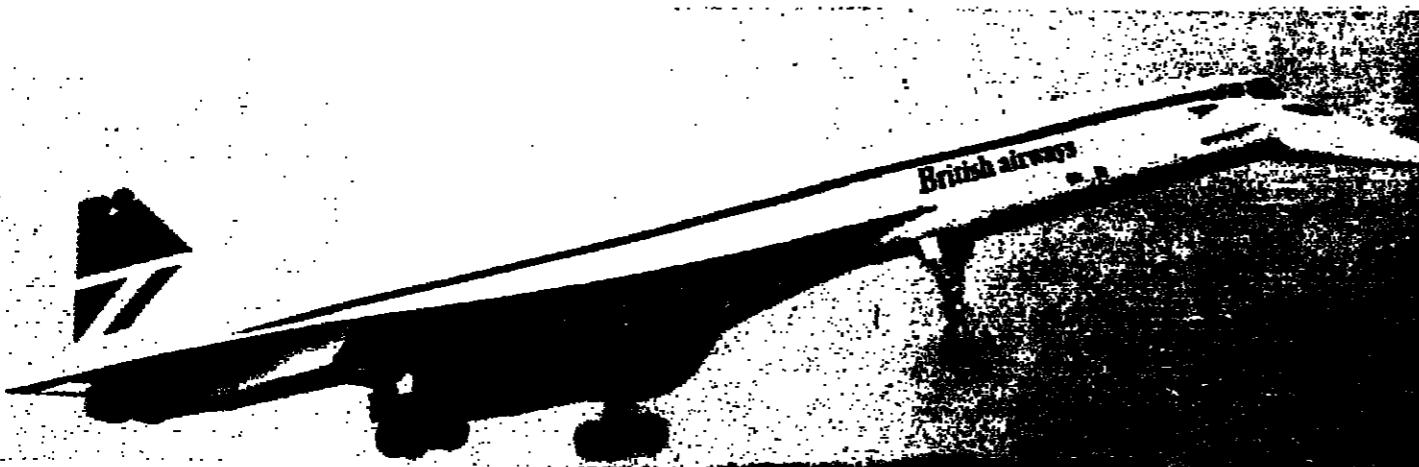
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Concorde: a technical triumph, but economic disaster

By Don Cook

PARIS, (LAT) — On Jan. 21 1976, two Concorde aircraft lifted off simultaneously from Charles de Gaulle Airport outside Paris and Heathrow near London to launch Air France and British Airways into the age of supersonic air travel.

As the Concorde enters the second half of its first decade of service, the verdict on the plane that cost the French and British Governments an estimated \$4 billion to develop and build is more than ever what it was when it first took off: a technical triumph, an economic disaster. Moreover, with oil prices going up and up, the cost of keeping the Concorde flying gets worse, not better, month by month.

The first French plane headed south to the African port city of Dakar, where it refuelled and then continued across the South Atlantic to Rio De Janeiro. The British Concorde streaked across Europe and then over the Mediterranean and the Middle East to Bahrain on the Arabian Gulf.

After that, it took two years of diplomatic, political and legal arguments and hearings and court actions in the United States before the two airlines were finally granted permission to open up Transatlantic service from Paris and London into New York city, on Nov. 22, 1977.

But both Air France and British Airways can point to solid bookings on the New York run, and a devoted traveling public including great numbers of "repeaters" who are whisked back and forth across the Atlantic in three and a half hours. The trouble is that even at \$1,550 per passenger for a one-way trip between New York and London, the Concorde still can't pay its way.

Accordingly, British Airways has suspended its Concorde service to Bahrain and

Singapore, and is now concentrating solely on London-New York and London-Washington. Air France has trimmed its Paris-Washington service and instead is now continuing two of its daily flights to New York and on to Washington and Mexico City each week. Air France continues to operate across the South Atlantic to Rio De Janeiro twice weekly and to Caracas, Venezuela, once a week.

Since Concorde operations began five years ago, the two airlines have flown approximately 700,000 supersonic passengers. Air France reports, not surprisingly, that 71 per cent of Concorde passengers travel on business, and 46 per cent are employed by major international companies — oil companies, big manufacturing concerns. Eighty per cent of Air France's Concorde passengers are men.

Yves Saint-Laurent, the fashion entrepreneur, is a Concorde regular between Paris and New York. An American banker whom Air France declines to name has sometimes flown the Concorde across the Atlantic two or three times in one week and has used it at least 60 times.

The joint Anglo-French agreement to build the Concorde was concluded in 1962 between President Charles de Gaulle and Prime Minister Harold MacMillan, before de Gaulle lowered the boom on Britain's joining the European Common Market. In all, 20 have been built; three of them were pre-production test models that were retired before the airliner began commercial service. Air France and British Airways have seven Concordes each. The other two have not gone into service.

The financial arrangements surrounding the acquisition of the Concordes by the two national airlines are obscure. But Air France and British Airways made the original pur-

chase of four aircraft each on favorable low-interest long-term government credits, at a price then reported to be around \$60 million each. After that, the only way the airlines could afford to take on any more Concordes was on a nominal lease basis from the governments, which footed the entire production cost — now at least \$100 million per plane.

Both airlines have an arrangement to split with the governments any profits they can make flying the Concordes without any purchase or amortization costs. British Airways and presumably Air France have, on this basis, been able to show profit on the run into New York, which is why both airlines have trimmed operations to concentrate on this service.

The British earned a surplus of about \$8 million on the New York run last year but lost more than \$5 million on the Bahrain-Singapore service, which has been abandoned. They are now planning to increase their London-New York service from 10 flights a week to 20, beginning in the spring, and are also planning to offer a "Concorde standby" fare that will be the equivalent of normal first class on subsonic jets, about \$300 cheaper than the supersonic fare.

But with this kind of profit, it would take British Airways 175 years to pay off the actual cost of its Concordes. It is fuel costs, of course, that threaten the Concorde in the next five years. Again, operating costs at an airline secret, but it is probable that the Concorde consumes the same amount, if not more, fuel speeding 100 passengers from Europe to New York as a Boeing 707 uses to haul nearly 500 passengers.

Still, Air France says determinedly: "Over these five years, Concorde has successfully won and extended a loyal clientele made up for the most part of businessmen concerned with saving time and cutting down on fatigue, and with efficiency." Bravely, Concorde flies on.

Scramble for deep-sea minerals

By Geoffrey Lean

LONDON, (ONS) — Rich countries are passing secretly co-ordinated legislation to allow mining companies to stake out areas of the seabed before they come under international control. Their actions are endangering the vital negotiations on the Law of the Sea, which had been on the verge of agreement after eight years of bargaining. They are already being described as a landgrab comparable to the carving-up of Africa in the last century.

The United States and Germany have already passed laws to license exploration for deep-sea minerals and a similar British bill started its committee stage in the House of Lords last week. All three countries plan to start issuing licenses later this year.

France, Belgium and Italy are also preparing legislation. And, Western countries are holding confidential meetings to coordinate and harmonize their laws.

What is at stake, is perhaps the most curious and more important mineral resources on earth — billions of tons of potato shaped mineral "nodules" containing manganese, nickel, cobalt, copper, molybdenum, aluminium and iron that cobble the deep ocean floor.

Several of these minerals are scarce on land and the nodules are forming all the time from seawater. The richest area appears to be a one-million-square-mile block of the North Pacific between Hawaii and California.

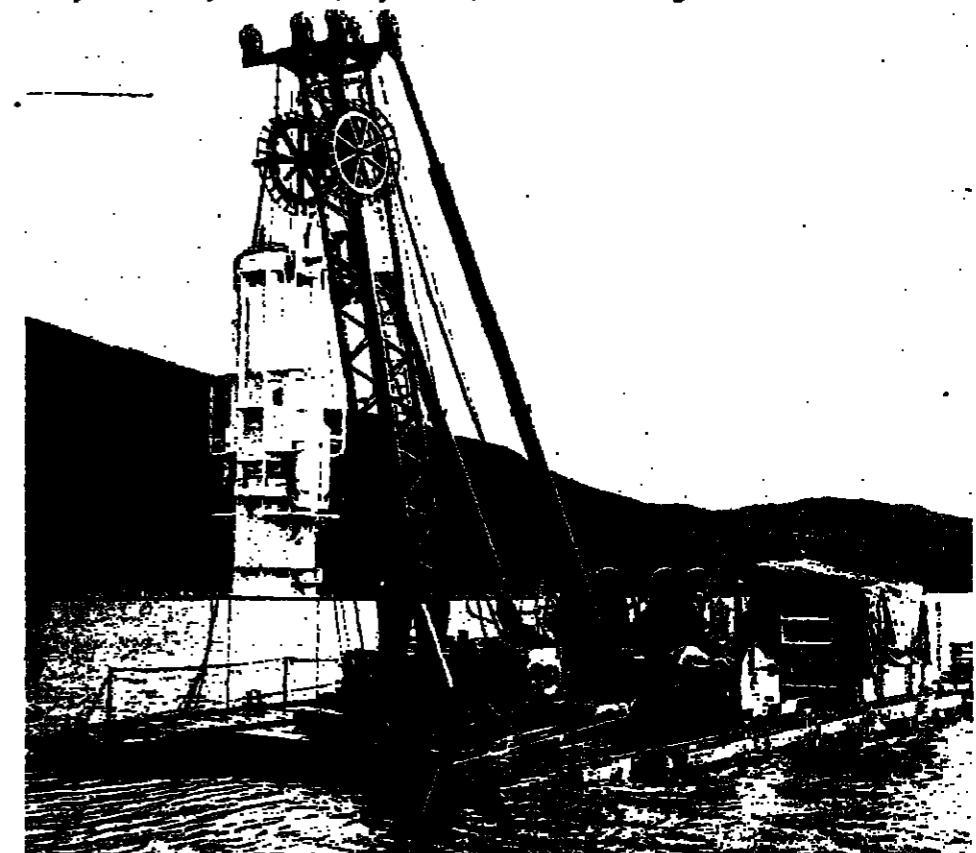
The United Nations unanimously agreed 11 years ago that the resources of the sea-bed were the "common heritage of mankind" and, since 1972, rich and poor, coastal and landlocked countries have been locked in complicated negotiations to work out how to give all nations a share. Last summer they finally came close to reaching agreement, and negotiators on all sides were optimistic that the whole thing would be settled at the next negotiating session, due to begin next month.

The draft treaty suggests that mining companies should apply for licenses for two similar areas at once. The U.N. authority set up to administer the law of the sea would select one of them for mining on behalf of the international community, and let the company exploit the other. But the company would have to pay a levy on its revenues, to be shared internationally. Negotiators from all sides seemed to accept these proposals as a fair compromise last summer, but the companies have been lobbying their governments to resist them. Six consortia have been formed to exploit the seabed.

U.S. companies, which recently held a meeting to coordinate their strategy, have decided to try to get the U.S. representative at the talks either replaced by a more conservative figure, or made to operate under extremely conservative instructions.

Some officials in the Reagan Administration, meanwhile, are trying to get the U.S. to press for changes even if it means killing the treaty. If the treaty is aborted, they believe,

The critics believe that the rich countries are trying to pre-empt the treaty. Lord Ritchie-Calder has described it in the Lords as "smash and grab" and a "carve-up". Mean-



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the U.S. can go ahead and mine the sea without encumbrance.

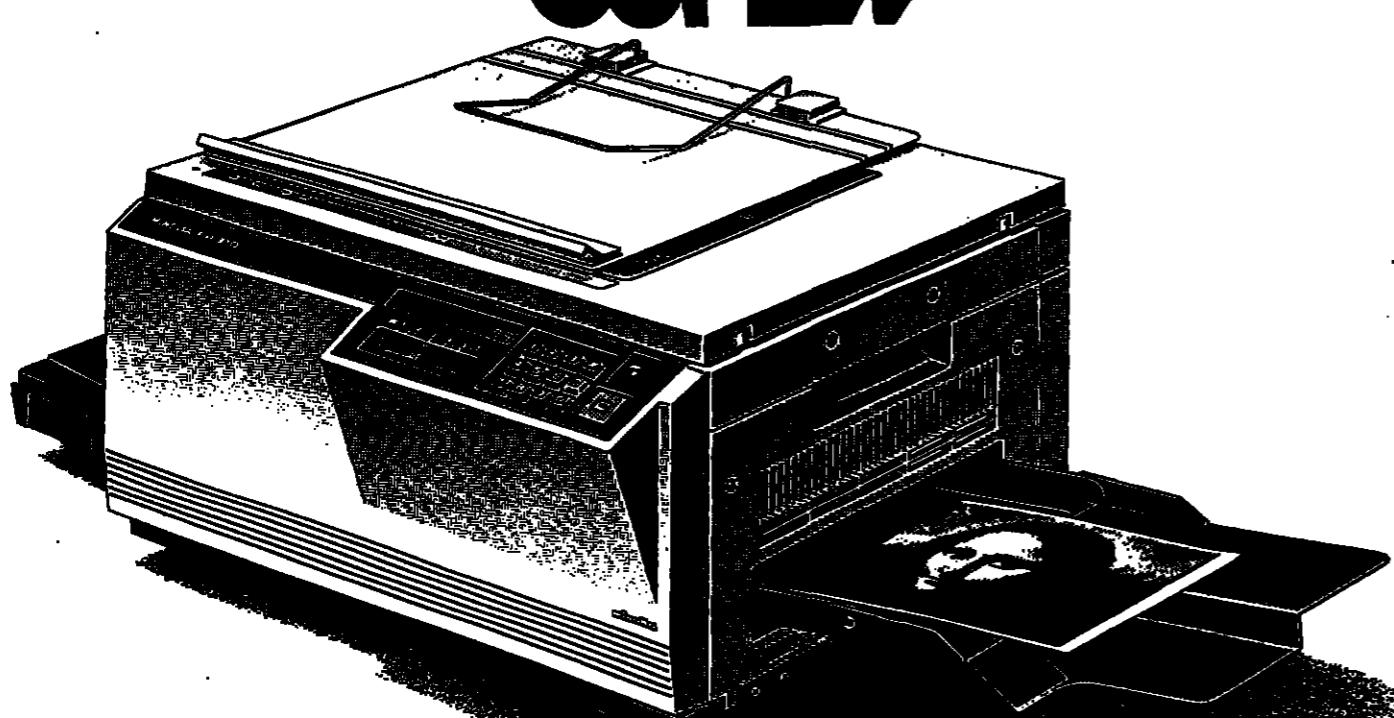
But the national legislation may pose the greatest threat. It does not provide for sites to be set aside for international mining, and the levy suggested for international sharing is less than that proposed in the Law of the Sea draft treaty.

The British Government says that its law is only an interim measure to allow companies to continue with their programmes pending agreement on the Law of the Sea. But if that is so, ask critics, why does it not conform to the draft treaty, and why is it being rushed through just before international agreement was expected.

While the rich countries have just ended their second confidential meeting, in Bonn ... One member of the U.S. delegation, James Barnes, a public interest representative, was excluded; he says he was told his attendance would be "inappropriate".

The British Government will not give details of what was discussed, but the meeting is thought to have dealt with harmonizing the laws to stop loopholes and avoid disputes. Third World countries were angry when the United States and West Germany passed their laws last year, but did not break off the negotiations. Some observers fear that the rush of legislation, the coordination, and the issuing of licenses later this year could ruin any chances of agreement.

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Soviet economy in trouble

By Jim Klarfeld

WASHINGTON —

When he opens the 26th Party Congress this week, Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev could deliver almost the same speech that President Ronald Reagan delivered to the American people two weeks ago: The country is in an economic mess, facing economic calamity, and the old business-as-usual treatment won't work.

Experts on the Soviet economy say that it has stagnated in the last two years and that in almost every significant sector — from agriculture to heavy industry to consumer goods to investment and productivity — the picture is bleak and getting worse. Indeed, for the first time, experts are speculating whether the economic problems will eventually lead to civil unrest. These economic problems are also a major factor in determining whether the Soviet Union will send its troops into Poland, according to the experts. But there is disagreement on how the economic factor works.

Many Soviet experts argue that Kremlin leaders are very reluctant to assume Poland's immense economic burdens and cut itself off from Western trade, likely consequences of military intervention, at a time when the Soviet economy is under such great stress. The Soviets would be forced to feed 35 million Poles, sustain their economy and service their \$22 billion debt to the West.

"It must be clear to them that the direct and indirect costs of invasion would be truly awesome, incomparably greater than those paid for the invasion of Hungary in 1956 and the invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968," said Seweryn Bialer, director of Columbia University's Research Institute on International Change. "The Soviet economy could ill afford the strain, given the extent of Soviet domestic difficulties."

But other experts say that because there are similarities between the economic problems in Poland and the Soviet Union, the Soviets must demonstrate that the Polish-style worker rebellion will not be tolerated lest it spread across their border. Most of the experts say that the ultimate Soviet decision will be based on events in Poland, specifically on whether the Polish Communist Party can stay in control of events there.

There is no dispute that the Soviet economy is in trouble. There is going to be a crunch in the coming years. When the 26th Party Congress convenes Feb. 23, talk will not be about great new production goals and the wonders of socialism, but how to adapt to a no-growth economy, according to Soviet economy experts.

Brezhnev faces very serious economic problems, really worse than Reagan," said Marshall Goldman, an associate director of Harvard's Russian Research Institute. "If you look at the recent statistics you will get some idea of the magnitude of the problem. For instance, in the last two years both coal and steel production have declined. That is really something for the nation that has boasted of being the world's largest producer of steel." Both Goldman and Bialer agree too that the only way the Soviets can begin to meet the problems is through a basic reform of their economic system. That would mean much greater decentralization in economic organization and less party control. But most of the experts say that it is highly unlikely that the Soviet leaders, especially the present generation of leaders, are willing to take the political risks involved in reform. Certainly the example of reform in Poland is frightening to them.

What is unusual about the current debate among Western experts is discussion about the possibility of unrest in the Soviet Union. Through the years experts have said that spontaneous demonstrations of unhappiness were highly unlikely in Russia. The Russian traditions of authoritarian rule and stoic endurance were too strong, they said. While living standards in the Soviet Union are considerably below even those in Eastern Europe, there have been improvements since the end of World War II.

The problem now is that those improvements have stopped. A combination of disastrous harvests, poor agriculture production, energy shortages, extremely low worker productivity and heavy military investment have kept growth in the last five years to a 2.7 per cent rate, far below the 5 per cent target of the present five-year plan. And the outlook in the next five years is worse, not better.

One of the most discouraging statistics for the Soviets, according to the experts, is the fact that worker productivity increased by only 1 per cent in the last five years, way below the goal of 4.5 per cent. That is partly due to a chronic manpower shortage in the Soviet Union. It is also the result of a lack of worker initiative. One aspect of this is what the experts say is a significant problem of alcoholism among Soviet workers. A recent report estimated that as many as a third of Soviet factory workers have a serious alcohol problem.

In the last two years there has been a significant decline in food production and availability of consumer goods. The poor grain harvest, as well as the cutoff of American grain (which, the experts said, has resulted in about a 4 per cent cutback in meat production) have resulted in less meat and potatoes being available to Soviet shoppers.

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Who is running America's foreign policy?

By Robert Little

We can all be forgiven for being a tiny bit confused at the moment if we ask who is in charge and what is the direction, if any, of the new U.S. administration's proposed foreign policy? Since Ronald Reagan's induction into the presidency a month ago we have been regaled with as many contradictory statements as there have been spokesmen — including the president himself — all claiming to be giving us the authorized version. All of which would seem to amply confirm the worst fears of most Western European leaders, that we are in for a long, hard four-year term.

I will resist with great restraint any comment on the hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee of the appointment (which was confirmed by the Republican majority) of William Clark, as deputy secretary of state to Gen. Alexander Haig, who seems to have displayed a total ignorance of the world beyond the confines of the United States' territorial limits. Perhaps it's enough to say that, with the qualified exception of Haig himself, Clark will feel very much at home on Capitol Hill.

Last week it was the turn of Caspar Weinberger, giving his first news conference as secretary of defense, to put in his penworth to confound the confusion. Weinberger (who you may not be surprised to hear is Jewish), also claiming to be speaking for the president, virtually contradicted word-for-word the statement at a press conference a week earlier by the Department of State spokesman, William Dyess, who had said he was "authorized by

Gen. Haig to say that while we were aware of the plans for these (West Bank) settlements ... we do not consider carrying out of those plans to be helpful to anyone."

In his turn Weinberger told assembled journalists at his first press conference that President Reagan "does not share the view of former President Carter that the West Bank settlements are illegal." President Reagan had told three senior correspondents of the White House press corps, Weinberger said, that these settlements were not illegal "under the U.N. Resolution that leaves the West Bank open to all people — Arab, Israeli and Christian alike." And presumably Hottelets from Matatilleland.

Which in President Reagan's first few weeks in office must be the biggest blunder he has dropped so far. Because, as no doubt will have already been pointed out to Reagan and his equally ill-informed secretary of defense, nothing could be farther from the truth. The last U.N. Resolution on Israeli settlements in the Palestinian homelands say exactly the opposite.

First, U.N. Security Council Resolution 465, passed on March 1, 1980, after deplored the refusal of Israel to cooperate with the U.N. commission, went on to say among other things:

— Deploying the decision of the government of Israel to officially support Israeli settlement in Palestine and other Arab territories occupied since 1967.

— Deeply concerned over the practices of the Israeli authorities in implementing that settlement policy in the occupied territories, including Jerusalem, and its consequences for the local Arab and Palestinian population.

— Drawing attention to the grave consequences which the settlement policy is bound to have on any attempt to reach a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

— Determines that all measures taken by Israel to change the physical character, demographic composition, institutional structure or status of the Palestinian and other Arab territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem, or any part thereof, have no legal validity and that Israel's policy and practices of settling part of its population and new immigrants in those territories constitute a flagrant violation of the fourth Geneva Convention relative to the protection of civilian persons in time of war and also constitute a serious obstruction to achieving a ... lasting peace in the Middle East.

— Strongly deplores the continuation and persistence of Israel in pursuing those policies and practices and calls upon the government and people of Israel to rescind those measures, to dismantle the existing settlements and in particular to cease, on an urgent basis, the establishment, construction and planning of settlements in the Arab territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem.

— Calls upon all states not to provide Israel with any assistance to be used specifically in connection with settlements in the occupied territories.

Resolution 465 was carried unanimously.

But if that were not enough to make the U.N.'s legal position categorically clear, on July 29, 1980, U.N. Resolution ES-7/2 was passed by a meeting of the full General Assembly, which included:

— Reaffirms, in particular, that a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East can-

GREECE AND TURKEY

The NATO Alliance is preoccupied with the internal problems of its members, albeit still below the level of differences. Greece, which joined the military committee as a full member last autumn after an absence of six years, has recently raised the subject of financial assistance it receives from the richer NATO nations, in appreciation of its military and strategic significance in the organization.

To cite instances on the type of existing problems, Greece wonders how West Germany can allocate for it an annual aid of DM 60 million while it gives DM 600 million in yearly aid to Turkey. Again, Greece is asking the United States to extend more financial and military aid in exchange for facilities being given to the latter at three military airports in Greece, and mainly on the island of Crete.

Greece's actual demand is that the richer NATO countries maintain a balance in payments between it and Turkey, with Greece's share always remaining 75 per cent of Turkey's. The allies are, however, conscious of the historical twitches continuously existing between Greece and Turkey which are called the southeastern wing of the Alliance. But despite their attempt to understand the prevailing circumstances between the two countries, they talk statistically that Turkey's population is five times more than Greece's and also that the Turkish armed forces exceed three times the number of the Greek armed forces.

Moreover, the geographical strategy of Turkey, facing the Soviet Union, obscures the geographical situation of Greece. Therefore, with a view to finding a solution to these problems, the Alliance would evidently pay more serious attention to the problems of the Aegean Sea and Cyprus, if it intends to satisfy all the parties concerned.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

The official visit of King Karl Gustav and Queen Sylvia of Sweden formed the headline story in a majority of newspapers Saturday. They said that a season of political activity begins in Riyadh with the arrival of the Swedish monarch and his talks with King Khalid on bilateral relations and international issues of mutual concern.

Newspapers frontpaged Swedish monarch's statement upon arrival in Jeddah Friday that Saudi Arabia's straight-forward policy has given it international weight. *Al Madina* played as a front-page story Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Al-Gosaibi's statement that a total of SR26 billion has been invested in the industrial sector. In a front-page story, *Al Biled* reported Iran's readiness to receive the six-party mediation committee, which was formed by the third Islamic summit conference to make efforts to end the armed conflict between Iran and Iraq. In a one story, *Olay* reported British Deputy Foreign Secretary Ian Gilmore as saying the European Common Market is trying to make further progress in its initiative on the issue of Palestine.

Al Yam carried as a prominent page one story a statement by U.S. Ambassador John West, in which he reaffirmed that there was no difference between the Saudi Arabian and U.S. views on the preservation of Gulf security. On the other hand, a reported difference between the U.S. administration and some Congressmen on boosting the offensive capability of F-15 fighter planes figured prominently in *Al-Jazirah* newspaper.

added that the visit provides a favorable opportunity to exchange views on the developments in the crucial issues of the Arab world. The paper hoped the visit would end in a clearer understanding of the prevailing situation in the Middle East, and that the Swedish leadership would play a tangible role in helping the issue at the European level.

In an editorial, *Al Riyad* observed that while Sweden plays a constructive role Europe, Saudi Arabia, as an Arab and Islamic country, plays a prominent role in the sphere of politics and world economy. The Kingdom's role has earned for it an international weight making it a focal point in the comity of nations. The paper further held the view that, when Europe understands the importance of Saudi Arabia's role, it would indeed make a long stride toward a political independence for which it is striving at present.

On the other hand, *Al Madina* commented on the Industry Week being organized in the Kingdom. It said the week is being held to acquaint the natives with their potentialities and the progress the state has so far achieved in the area of industry. The paper added that the week would provide an opportunity to know both the aspects of progress and weakness in this important field. It paid compliments to Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Al-Gosaibi and his ministry for providing facilities for native capitalists interested in industrial activities. Sometime ago, any talk about industrialization used to be considered no more than a mere dream difficult to come, but industrialization has become tangible reality today, said the paper.

not be established, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the relevant United Nations resolutions, without the withdrawal of Israel from all the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories, including Jerusalem, and without the achievement of a just solution of the problem of Palestine on the basis of the attainment of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people in Palestine.

— Reaffirms the fundamental principle of the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force.

— Calls upon Israel to withdraw completely and unconditionally from all the Palestinian and other Arab lands occupied since June, 1967, including Jerusalem, with all property and services intact, and urges that such withdrawal from all the occupied territories should start before Nov. 15, 1980.

— Demands that Israel should fully comply with provisions of Resolution 465 (1980) adopted unanimously by the Security Council on March 1, 1980.

Now most of us might be possibly excused for not being fully informed on such vitally important decisions by the world's supreme legislative body. But then the rest of us are not, and I'm sure have no desire to be, the most important and powerful political figure in the Western world. Which must give us all serious food for thought. Because, almost unbelievably, it was reported at the same time that Reagan had also expressed the wish to have U.S. ground forces stationed in the Middle East and his Defense Secretary, Weinberger, raised the possibility that some of them might be based in Israel or Egypt.

It was in answer to a question about America's military capacity to deter

Clowns in Dhahran

Rollicking fun for children

By Jean Grant

DHAHRAN — With a shout of "Here we are again!" clowns Boppo and Goppo race through the lobby of a local hotel, burst into the dining room with whistles and honkers blaring, and round up the children for 2 hours of fast-paced pantomime and games.

Just before their dramatic entry, the clowns had talked to *Arab News* while putting on



A clown in action

their makeup for the show. "You've got to join in," said Boppo. "There is too much static entertainment nowadays. This kind of show where the kids must participate is like what was done 50 years ago when there was no other entertainment."

Using a small sponge, he carefully applied white greasepaint, then outlined a huge clown smile which stretched from ear to ear. His costume was a baggy suit printed with green and blue polka dots. "Through pantomime the children's own powers of imagination are enlisted," he added, pasting small stars on his face, which prodded him to add with a grin, "I've got a star complex." A moment later Goppo in a white-and-red-striped outfit stood beside him ready for Boppo to color small inverted triangles below his eyes. "It's not really a clown show," he cautioned. "We just lead the children in games."

In one of their pantomime routines, Boppo and Goppo are joined by Bob Hiss McBaddie, so named because at his appearance the boys boo, girls hiss, and all shout McBaddie! Boppo and Goppo are preparing to bake a

holiday cake. They are all set with a huge recipe book and mammoth bowls, but the spoon to mix the batter is missing. Boppo sends Goppo off to fetch it. A moment later Goppo returns with the tiniest of teaspoons. Boppo sends Goppo to get a larger one, and the bumbler does, but it's still far too small. Angry Boppo sends him off again, and Goppo returns with a spoon, 8-9 feet high. Innocently asking, "Is this spoon bigger?" he

children yell, "No, that's not what you say!" They teach him the formula, but of course the clown still gets it wrong as he calls, "On your ready, get sets, go!" The clowns try to smash down a door, not realizing all they need to do is turn the door knob; it gives a youngster a real feeling of power to be able to turn the door knob for him.

The clowns' gestures are so exaggerated that their meaning is universally intelligible. Arab, French, and Japanese children grasp the action despite their limited English. The clowns regret that they speak no Arabic but it didn't seem to upset the non-English-speaking small fry at all. It is the clowns' ability to get in and out of trouble that the children enjoy. The clowns appear literal-minded, but their dialogue sparkles with double meanings.

In a camel race, Goppo, sweat glistening on his huge red mouth, urges, "You have to shout for your camel." At the end of a sack race, he orders, "Now everyone stand on your chairs and shout, 'We won!' When the kids don't scream loud enough for him, he tells them: "I'm sure you can shout still louder." With fingers squeezed in their ears, the children screech with triumph. Children's attitudes to the clowns change with age. Never having seen a clown before, toddlers often cry. The strange grimaces on the harlequin's rubbery faces frighten them. Sometimes Dhahran children doubt that Boppo and Goppo are "real" clowns real for them meaning what they see on TV.

"You've got human hands, you do. You're not a clown," gasped one little lassie as she held Boppo's hand. "We're so much nearer to the kids than a normal clown," Goppo explained. "Sometimes our makeup comes off on them and they can see we are men. But when they say, 'You're not a real clown — it's painted on,' it's always a little bit annoying. I want to say, 'Silly little kid, all clowns wear make-up.'"

Cocky 9-year-old boys often want to see how many times they can kick a clown's bot-



Applying the final touches to his make-up



Amusing the audience of children



Applying the grease paint



Clown's make-up time

tom or pull off his wig. "It can hurt a lot," said Boppo, "and when the child is that age, we have no compunction about destroying his illusions." But a few youngsters are very protective toward the clowns. When one little girl noticed that Boppo wasn't eating but only feeding all the children, she asked, "How will you ever grow big and strong if you don't eat properly?"

Despite their show of being everyone's friend, the clowns don't act especially virtuous. When his team is losing, Boppo distracts the opposition by honking at them. Yet when a wee one accuses him of cheating, he replies with feigned innocence "Me? A clown cheating? Never!" Boppo has been a clown off and on for 10 years. After college, he joined a group called the *Good 4 Noughts*. "There was very little competition in that line of work, and we built up our engagements each year. The work was mainly seasonal in England and in the summer we used to do the seaside resorts. It could never be a full-time job."

Goppo made his debut as a clown when he came to Saudi Arabia 18 months ago. "We're clowns only once a week," said the pair. Apart from the occasional leg-pulling about their weekly show, friends have continued to take them seriously for the other 6 days of the week. Making props consumes a lot of their time. In the pantomime of McBaddie and the cake, for instance, Boppo and Goppo made the 37 props themselves. It can take hours to make a prop like the giant spoon which is seen for only a couple of minutes in a skit.

"Clowning is a dying art form," said Boppo. "The circus is dying. What we have now are comedians, not clowns." But the existence of artists like these two men belie their own pessimism. Clowning can never die as long as every family, classroom and community boasts its own talented buffoon.

Clowns have lived all over the world, at all times and in all continents. Whether court fool, harlequin, or jester, clowns have brought delight to countless millions. One of the most famous of these is the Middle East's *Gohra*, Nasr El Din. There is a delightful retelling of his anecdotes, *Tales of the Hodge* put out by Oxford University Press and illustrated by Brian Wildsmith.

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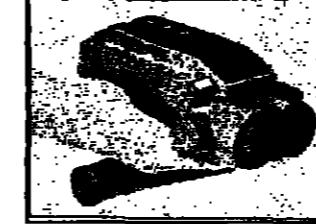
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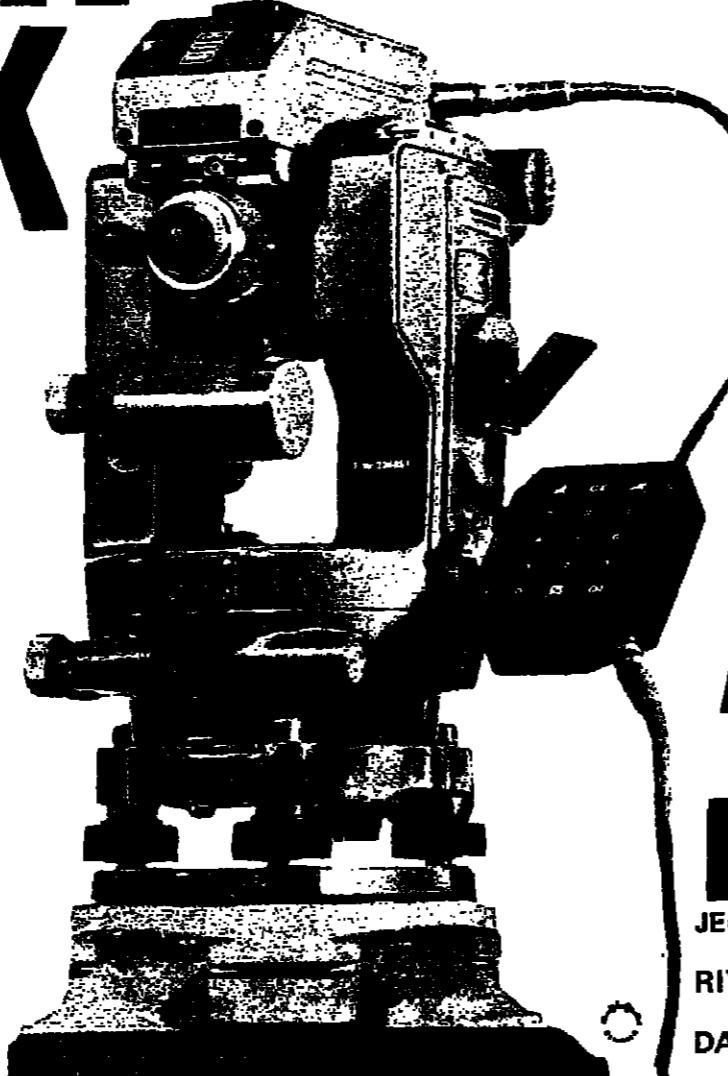
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OPEC aides review strategy in camera

GENEVA, Feb. 21 (Agencies) — Oil ministers of six members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting countries (OPEC) secretly met here during the last two days to discuss long-term strategies that were upset by the outbreak of the Iraqi-Iranian war.

OPEC Secretary-General Rene Ortiz said Friday that the ministers considered ways of reviving the policies that were sidetracked by the Gulf war.

Among the proposals under consideration was a system of linking the price of crude oil with the rate of inflation in the industrialized countries.

Sources said that the meeting was held Thursday and Friday at a site overlooking Lake Geneva. The oil ministers of Indonesia,

U.S. car firm incurs \$1.5b loss in 1980

DETROIT, Michigan, Feb. 21 (R) — Ford officials say recovery will be slow after the biggest loss in the U.S. corporate history which was announced by the giant carmaker.

The loss — \$1.5 billion in 1980 — is expected to be topped soon by an even bigger one of around \$1.7 billion dollars by Chrysler.

Experts were gloomily assessing the recession-hit U.S. car industry Friday after Ford's announcement of its first annual loss since the company became publicly held in 1956.

The Ford results reflect the industry-wide slump in U.S. sales of cars and trucks and, to a lesser extent, declining sales in Europe, the company says.

Ford officials also blame high U.S. interest rates and Japanese encroachment on to the U.S. market for part of the drop in domestic sales and profits. Japan last year captured a quarter of the U.S. car market and some angry U.S. carmakers have called for protectionist measures against imports.

Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki, who is to meet President Reagan in Washington in May, said on Japanese television Friday that Japan must understand that American carmakers are in a business crisis, hinting his country might be ready for some restraints on its exports.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

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DOLLAR UP: Passersby stand outside the headquarters of Milan's Banca Commerciale, looking at the latest quotation of the U.S. dollar which rocketed to an all-time high of 1,061.95 at Monday's fixing

(AP wire photo)

Wall Street

Market cool to Reagan plan

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (AP) — While business leaders around the United States were applauding President Reagan's economic message this past week, the stock gave it a strikingly unenthusiastic response.

Following Reagan's speech to Congress Wednesday night, the market lapsed into a decline that caught many optimistic analysts off guard. "Reagan's address could give the market new direction," one forecaster had written a few days earlier.

"Street sees quick rally for market on Reagan good news," an investment newsletter reported at the start of the week. As it turned out, however, the market dropped sharply Thursday, and wound up the week with only mixed results.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials managed a 4.52 gain to 936.09. But the New York stock exchange composite index dropped .35 to 72.45, and the American stock exchange market value index lost 8.97 to 330.34.

Trading volume remained sluggish, averaging 40.47 million shares a day on the big board against 37 million the week before.

Reagan's proposals themselves could hardly be classified as a disappointment on Wall Street, where the idea of spending and budget cuts like those the president called for is popular, to say the least.

But as one analyst noted, "It still must go through the often tortuous congressional legislative process, and many aspects of the

program will undoubtedly be altered to some degree."

In fact, uncertainty over Congress' prospective treatment of the proposals seemed to be increasing as the week drew to a close.

"All of us should have realized the complexity the program would have," said Robert Stovall at Dean Witter Reynolds Inc.

"When we had a chance to look at all the details — so many pieces to cut, curtail, trim and snip in the budget — the realization hit us that the time gap between the president proposing and Congress disposing is probably going to be greater than most of us optimists thought.

"I think Reagan's on the right track, but it looks like we might have a long wait. And that means no great urgency for investors to buy stocks."

The International Commercial Centre announces that their employee Herbert Mitchell, an American national, left the Kingdom on an Exit-Return Visa. However he has failed to return to his job. The International Commercial Centre warns employers not to have any dealings with him as doing so will be contrary to the Kingdom's Labour Laws. Anybody having knowledge of his whereabouts is requested to call tel: 6313314, 6313058.

Belgium to place curbs on Japanese car import

BRUSSELS, Feb. 21 (AP) — Economic Affairs Minister Willy Claes has announced Belgium will curb Japanese car imports even if the Netherlands — a major economic partner — remains unwilling to go along with such a quota system.

"I have a different opinion of cooperation in the context of the Benelux," Claes said. The Benelux is a close economic union of three countries: Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

In an interview on a regional radio network in the southern part of the Netherlands, Claes did not say when his government will institute quotas on Japanese car imports or what the annual quota would be.

He said Japanese cars today make up 25 per cent of the entire car market of the Benelux compared to only 3 per cent in France and 10 per cent in West Germany. Italy allows only 2,200 Japanese cars into its territory annually, Claes noted.

Meanwhile in Tokyo, the 10 European Economic Community (EEC) member countries' ambassadors to Japan handed to Japanese Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito the text of an earlier EEC declaration expressing concern over Japan-EEC trade now in Tokyo's favor when they met at a dinner on Friday night.

The dinner held at Dutch ambassador to Japan Johan Kauffmann's official residence was also attended by head of the EEC Tokyo office, according to officials of the EEC.

In the declaration adopted by EEC's council of ministers on Feb. 17 this year, EEC expressed its "serious concern" at the present state of trade between Japan and the community, according to the officials.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Saturday		SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahrain, Dinar	—	8.86	8.875	
Belgian Franc (1,000)	96.60	112.00		
Canadian Dollar	2.80			
Deutsche Mark (100)	155.00	155.00	160.70	
Dutch Guilder (100)	142.00		146.75	
Egyptian Pound	—	4.18	4.34	
Emirates Dirham (100)	90.95		91.10	
French Franc (100)	67.00	66.00	68.45	
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	65.15		
Indian Rupee (100)	—	60.85		
Iranian Rial (100)	—	7.50		
Italian Lira (10,000)	35.00	33.60	35.50	
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.20	16.20	16.25	
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.51	10.24	
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.25	12.24	
Lebanese Lira (100)	85.50	86.15	86.25	
Moroccan Dirham (100)	71.25			
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	33.50	35.85	
Philippine Peso (100)	—	34.00	34.00	
Pound Sterling	7.61	7.65	7.74	

Oil hunt in poor states

U.S. rejects offer to join fund

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP) — U.S. resident Ronald Reagan's administration has turned down participation in a proposed \$25 billion international fund that would help new sources of energy in poor countries, the World Bank has said.

The administration of President Jimmy Carter had promised to consider the proposal along with other countries, but had not said it could support it.

The idea was proposed last September by Robert McNamara, the president of the bank, who was secretary of defense under President John F. Kennedy. It had a double purpose: to help the poor countries who have been put into increasingly hopeless financial situations by the rising price of oil and to find new supplies for the wealthier countries now heavily dependent on the unstable supplies of a Middle East.

A treasury spokesman said Friday Colbert King, who represents the United States as one of the bank's executive directors, informed the executive board last week that the United States would not support or participate in the new fund. The fund had been proposed as an affiliate of the bank.

Tuesday, the Reagan administration announced that it would seek a cut in U.S. international aid, though it would keep promises made earlier.

Akin Patoyimbo, a spokesman for the bank, said he could not comment on the possibility of other member countries proceeding without the United States to set up a new "energy facility." As planned, each contributing nation would pledge money to the fund, paying in only 10 per cent of the pledge. The fund would then sell bonds on the open market, equivalent at least to the value of the pledges. The proceeds of the sale would then be lent out to the poor countries whose prospects are good of finding oil and other sources of energy.

Despite the need for new sources of oil, evidence collected recently by the U.S. general accounting office shows that a lot more exploration can still be done in many parts of the world.

According to a report it recently made to Congress, the consensus of experts is that about a trillion barrels of oil (15 billion metric tons) have already been discovered, and that about the same amount remains to be found. Some of the most promising areas are in the Arctic, others are in the poor countries of the world, or just off their coasts.

In the Arctic, the potential is under the sea, where icebergs and stormy weather make a lot of problems. But the oil production that already exists in some Arctic areas indicates that the problems can be overcome, especially as rising prices allow for increased spending to solve them.

These areas include the icy waters off the west coast of Alaska, and the north coast as

well, stretching into Canada; the east coast of Newfoundland, the sea north of Norway reaching toward Spitzbergen, and the northern basins of the Soviet Union.

China, Egypt, Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, Peru, the southeast coast of South America, India, Malaysia also have possibilities. Antarctica is largely unexplored, as is the coast of Africa — particularly Somalia.

Even Venezuela, one of the world's biggest producers, has what the GAO calls "tremendous heavy oil potential."

Some 600 basins have been identified on land and sea as possibly oil-bearing. In 200 of these the GAO says, there has been "essentially no drilling."

Failure of gas talks

U.S. company to write off \$375m

By Cynthia Shanley

Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Feb. 21 — El Paso Co. announced that the company will write off their assets and discontinue operations as a result of unsuccessful negotiations with Algeria on its liquefied natural gas project, according to John McFall, a spokesman for the company.

A U.S. delegation has returned to Washington after two days of fruitless renegotiations between El Paso Co. and the Algerian state oil and gas company Sonatrach. Talks were broken off indefinitely after a failure to reach an agreement on the price of the liquefied natural gas delivered to the U.S.

El Paso's contract with Sonatrach involved the supply of 19 billion cubic meters of LNG annually over a 25-year period starting in 1982.

Sonatrach is estimated to have lost revenue of \$1.5 billion last year as a result of the dispute. El Paso said recently that it is prepared to write off up to \$375 million if the

pricing negotiations broke down, almost half the company's equity, which is estimated at \$899 million. The suspension of the gas deliveries has cost the company about \$7 million a month since last April, El Paso said.

It was suggested earlier in the week that the U.S. side was preparing to pay more than \$4 per million British thermal unit (BTU) of LNG, while Sonatrach was demanding \$6 per million BTU to make the gas price energy-equivalent to that of crude oil. When deliveries were suspended ten months ago, El Paso was charging \$1.94 per million BTU.

The failure of negotiations to "agree on the complex energy policy issues" involved in the pricing question spells bad news for the Houston-based El Paso Co. Algeria's second largest gas customer.

Meanwhile, the Algerian Press Service (APS) has blamed the United States for the breakdown of gas talks.

The official Algerian news agency said Friday that the Reagan administration had balked at agreements reached while former President Carter was in power.

It did not give details. A new agreement had been expected during this week's talks between government officials.

Kenya plagued by inflation, recession

NAIROBI, Feb. 21 (AP) — The Kenyan economy is a mess — and there are no immediate prospects of a recovery.

That was the grim message from Economic Planning and Development Minister Zachary Onyanka when he presented details Friday of the country's economic performance over the last quarter of 1980.

Onyanka said: "We are facing a much more difficult year. The year of soft options is over and the situation is very tight indeed." He said Kenyans will have to brace themselves for a continued economic slump and rising inflation.

Inflation he said, would rise from present 13 per cent to a much higher level due to the recent adjustment of the Kenya shilling. He did not predict how high it would rise.

BRIEFS

HONG KONG, (AFP) — China has produced a new device which can convert the energy of ocean waves into electricity, the New China News Agency (NCNA) has reported. The device is produced by the Designing and Research Institute under the Shanghai Navigation Channel Bureau, in cooperation with Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

LONDON (R) — Unemployment and the economic situation in general will be the chief topic at the European Common Market summit next month, EEC Commission President Gaston Thorn has predicted.

LISBON (R) — Angola is negotiating exploration rights to a new offshore oil block with two U.S. oil companies and another foreign firm, the Angolan news agency Angop has said. Sonangol, the Angolan state-owned oil company, told Angop that negotiations were underway to the 4,500 square km block to the U.S. companies.

PARIS, (AFP) — The Eiffel Tower will undergo a 180-million-franc (\$36 million) overhaul to rejuvenate Paris' famous grand dame of a landmark, Mayor Jacques Chirac has announced. The work is slated to begin March 1 and to take 28 months.

HONG KONG (AFP) — Customs officers seized more than a million dollars worth of heroin and heroin base in a series of raids authorities have said.

A government spokesman said Friday a 35-year-old man and a 28-year-old woman were arrested in the raids.

HONG KONG (AFP) — The Hong Kong-Europe Freight Conference will raise congestion surcharges for the ports of Alexandria, Algeria and Port Said on March 6. The increases are 10 per cent for Alexandria and Algiers and 12 per cent for Port Said.

Japan to buy LPG from Abu Dhabi

TOKYO, Feb. 21 (R) — Japanese companies have contracted to import 1.52 million tons of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) a year from Abu Dhabi, equivalent to some 15 per cent of Japan's total LPG imports last year, trading sources here have said.

A group of seven companies has contracted with the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) to buy 1.22 million tons a year at undisclosed cost from an Abu Dhabi gas industries company plant, a multinational venture 68 per cent owned by ADNOC, they said.

Marubeni Corporation has also signed with France's Compagnie Francaise des Petroles (CFP) to buy 300,000 tons a year of LPG produced at the same plant. CFP has a 15 per cent interest in the venture and has the right to market part of its LPG output.

Shipments will begin when the plant, which has an annual production capacity of 2.64 million tons, opens in July and will continue for five years, the sources said.

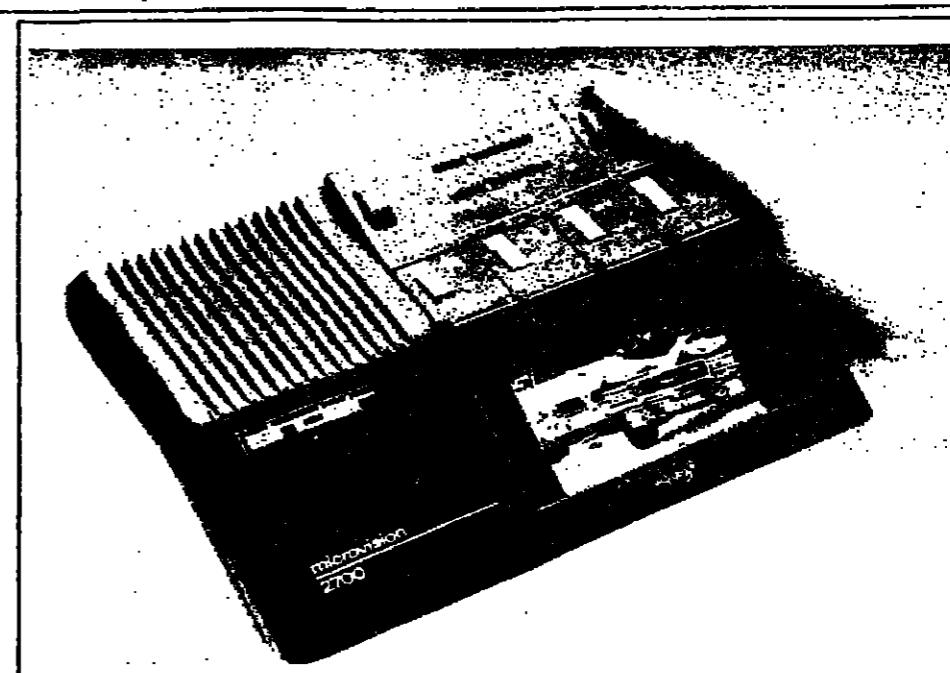
The seven Japanese firms are Idemitsu Kosan Kaisha, Mitsui, Bridgestone, Ekiwa Gas Company, Mitsubishi Corporation Co., Itoh, Maruzen Oil Company, and Showa Oil Company.

Libya buys Lockheed despite U.S. embargo

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (R) — The Libyan government, which was prohibited from buying U.S. aircraft, has managed to obtain at least one Lockheed L-100 transport shipped without the required export licence, the State Department has said.

Spokesman William Dwyer said Friday the U.S. was taking all possible steps to prevent similar deals in the future.

The L-100 Ispa civilian version of the C-130 military workhorse and could be converted to carry troops, officials said.



MICROVISION T.V.: The prototype of a new multi-standard flat screen television. The 6 inch x 4 inch x 4 inch x 1 inch microvision set, which will be available during 1982, was on display in London recently.

Japan to lend \$30m to Poland

TOKYO, Feb. 21 (AP) — Japan will offer to Poland \$30 million in loans at a Western creditors' conference in Paris, next week, Japan's Kyodo news service reported Saturday.

Quoting government sources, Kyodo said the loans will include \$15 million in bank loans from the Export-Import Bank and the remaining \$15 million in deferred payment export financing from the Export-Import Bank and city banks. The loans will be extended to Poland during the January-June period of this year, it said.

The United States, Japan, West Germany, France and other major Western countries will gather in Paris Monday to discuss aid to Poland, which has been having trouble repaying

loans because of its internal unrest.

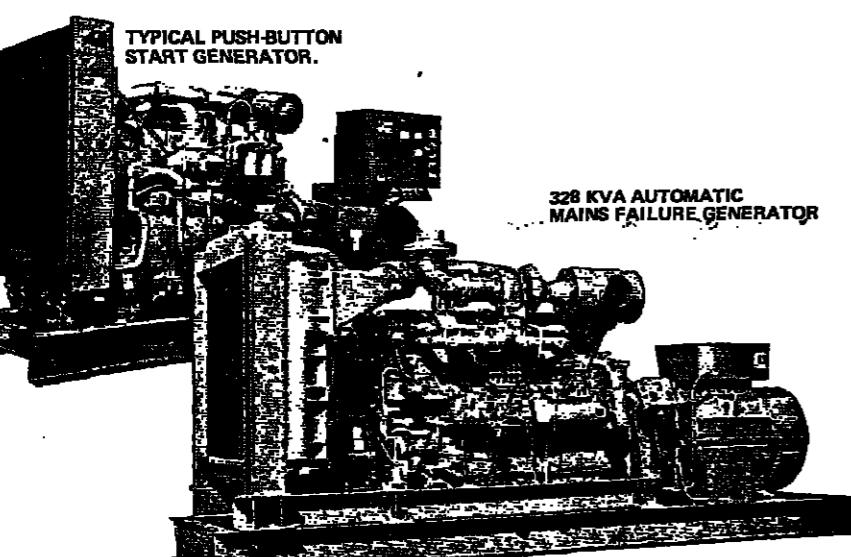
Kyodo said Poland is said to owe Western nations about \$23 billion, including \$1 billion to Japan. Foreign ministry officials declined to confirm the report.

North Sea oil platform shut due to explosion

ABERDEEN, Feb. 21 (R) — An oil platform in the North Sea has been temporarily shut down following an explosion Thursday night, a Shell spokesman said Saturday.

He said no one was injured in the explosion in a generator on the Shell-Esso jointly owned Bravo platform, which had been producing 62,000 barrels of oil a day.

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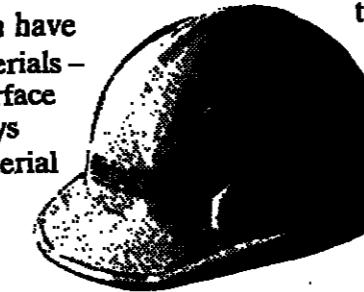
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Mavericks beaten again

Nets score fifth straight win

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (AP) — The New Jersey Nets seemed to have turned things around, which is more than can be said for the Dallas Mavericks. They just continue to head in the same direction — backward.

The Nets, who earlier this year set a season record of 14 straight losses, continued a reversal of field Friday night by winning their fifth straight National Basketball Association game with a 123-113 overtime triumph over the Portland Trail Blazers.

The streak tied the Nets' longest ever. The last time they won five in a row came in Oct. 1978.

The Mavericks, meanwhile, continued their downward trend by dropping a 117-109 decision to the Philadelphia 76ers by the way, that was their 15th in a row.

Mike Newlin and Darwin Cook led the way for New Jersey, each scoring 30 points, including six apiece in overtime. The Nets opened the overtime period by grabbing an eight-point lead in less than three minutes. Kevin Raney, who had 24 points, was the only Blazer to interrupt a Nets rally that gave New Jersey a 115-107 advantage during the first 2:44 of overtime.

Cook hit three straight jumpers before fouling out with 3:08 remaining. The Trail Blazers missed several chances to catch up.

Darryl Dawkins sparked the 76ers victory over the Mavericks, whose record dropped to a woeful 8-55. Dawkins scored all of his 14 points in the second half by hitting seven of seven shots from the floor to start the 76ers to their 55th victory in 67 decisions.

Houston Rockets 110, Los Angeles Lakers 107: Moses Malone's layup with three seconds left and a free throw after being fouled on the play paced Houston over Los Angeles. The Rockets called a timeout with five seconds to go and the score tied at 107. Calvin Garrett found Malone alone under the basket and fed him a pass for the game-winning shot.

The Lakers had tied the game with 44 sec-

onds to play on a pair of free throws by Norm Nixon.

New York Knicks 124, Washington Bullets 112: Mike Glean entered the game in the second quarter and scored 12 points in eight minutes and 21 overall to lead New York over Washington. Glenn also scored nine points in the first 4½ minutes of the fourth period as the Knicks won their 10th game in the last 11.

Washington's Elvin Hayes and Kevin Grevey each scored a game-high 23 for Washington. Kevin Porter, who registered 15 assists, had 22 points for the Bullets.

Indiana Pacers 109, San Antonio Spurs 106: George McGinnis scored four points in the final 30 seconds to trigger Indiana past San Antonio. McGinnis, who led the Pacers with 24 points and 12 rebounds, scored a field goal to give Indiana a 107-106 lead with 17 seconds left. Four seconds later, he hit two free throws.

George Gervin, who had 20 of his game-high 30 points in the third quarter to spark a

San Antonio comeback, was one of three Spurs who missed 3-point shots in the closing seconds.

Chicago Bulls 98 Utah Jazz 84: Ricky Sobers scored 21 points as Chicago downed Utah. Adrian Dantley led Utah with 30 points and Jeff Wilkins had a career-high 22 as the Jazz dropped its 40th game of the season.

The Bulls led all the way but the Jazz drew it within 70-68 in the fourth quarter. Then Chicago, behind Sobers and Bobby Wilkeson who finished with 14 points, pulled away.

Kansas City Kings 112, Milwaukee Bucks 109: Otis Birdsong hit a basket and Scott Wedman added a pair of free throws in the last 58 seconds as Kansas City edged Milwaukee. After trailing by as many as 15 points, the Kings overtook Milwaukee 110-109 on Birdsong's basket with 58 seconds left. Wedman hit his free throws with 39 seconds left to ice the victory, the King's fifth straight.

Barber snatches lead

Morgan drops to 2nd spot

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21 (AP) — Miller Barber, the Texan who turns 50 next month, shot a 4-under-par 67 to take the early second-round lead in the \$300,000 Glen Campbell Los Angeles Open at 133.

First-round leader, Dr. Gil Morgan, was a stroke behind with a 69-134.

"I think I played as good in this round than I can and I'm very happy to be where I am. If I'm fortunate enough to win here, I think it will be a good thing for golf," Barber said.

Barber said he believes the older players hit the ball straighter than the younger who have more power and hit the ball farther. "I think you are only as old as you feel," said the veteran who will be 50 on March 31.

Pentti Airikkala triumphs

ENGLAND, Feb. 21 (AFP) — Finland's Pentti Airikkala drove to a copybook victory Saturday morning when he won the Mintex International Rally, first round in the British Championship, for the second time.

The flying Finn piloted his Rothman's Ford Escort RS to a graceful and calculated first place through blizzards and icy conditions.

On the way he fought off a hard challenge from Scotsman Jimmy McRae whose Opel Ascona was just over a minute behind during the freezing Yorkshire forest stages.

But when the champagne corks popped in York after 200 miles of competition he was more than five minutes ahead. Airikkala, 35, won his first Mintex in 1978.

Sweden's Per Eklund, whose Toyota was consistently among the leaders, maintained third place to finish ahead of Austin McHale in a group one Escort R. The Dublin driver

"I think there was more finesse to the game before and here you have to have that finesse. And finesse is the reason the great golfers play better in the major tournaments."

Weather conditions weren't as good Friday as they were for the opening round. "The winds were gusty," Morgan said. "That makes it tougher."

The first-round leader shot a 69, 2-under par for his second round.

Most of the five who tied for second with Barber on Thursday were late starters on the second round — Naomio Takuso of Japan, Bruce Lietzke, winner of two tournaments already this year, John Cook and Johnny Miller, who have each won once, and Keith Fergus who never has won a Professional Golfers' Association event.

The purse for the Los Angeles Open gives \$45,000 to the winner at the conclusion of the 72 holes on Sunday. After the second round, the field of 144 will be cut to the low 70 and ties for the nationally televised final two rounds.

Don Bies shot a 65 for his second round for a 138 total but was headed by Bob Gilder, 67, and Jack Renner, 68, who both finished at 137.

Japan's Isao Aoki, who fought Nicklaus to the wire before losing the U.S. Open in 1980, added a 70 to his first-round 71 for a 141 total.

With Bies at 138 were George Cadle, 79, and Al Geiberger, 68. Defending champion Tom Watson shot a 67 but with his opening 72 was down the list at 139. Watson, the leading PGA money winner the past four years, shot a 30 on the back nine.



WELL SET: Oregon State University's Steve Johnson (33) is well poised to score a basket as Wayne McCoy (55), Kevin Williams (12) and Larry Washington (21) of St. John University anxiously await for the rebound.

Coghlan betters own world mark

SAN DIEGO, California, Feb. 21 (R) — Ireland's Eamonn Coghlan set a new world record for the indoor mile with a time of three minutes 50.6 seconds Saturday night, cutting two seconds off the previous record he set two years ago.

Coghlan made his move with two laps to go in the 11-lap race holding off American Steve Scott who also finished inside the old record in 3:51.8. John Walker of New Zealand finished third in 3:52.8, the fourth fastest ever indoors.

"I'm actually disappointed," said Coghlan, "I was hoping to break 3:50 but I can't be upset."

The disappointed Scott, who has been battling Coghlan on the indoor circuit, said, "I was under the previous record, but you are nothing unless you are number one. I'm sure no one will ever remember my time."

Ray Flynn of Ireland finished fourth in 3:53.6. Harold Hudak of West Germany was fifth in 3:59.7, and Filbert Bayi of Tanzania was sixth in 4:01.0.

Meanwhile, Shamil Abbjasov of the Soviet Union set a world indoor record of 17.30 meters for the men's triple jump at the European Indoor Athletic Championships at Oeble, France.

Abbjasov beat the previous record set by compatriot Gennadi Valyukovich twenty years ago by one centimeter.

In Texas, Houston's Carl Lewis became the world's third fastest runner in the 60-yard dash Friday night by winning the gold medal in that event in 6.06 seconds at the Annual Southeast Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships in the Tarrant County Convention Center.

To restore lost prestige

McEnroe beats Borg

MELBOURNE, Feb. 21 (R) — American John McEnroe restored a little of his lost prestige when he beat Sweden's Bjorn Borg 6-4, 1-6, 7-6, 6-4 in their third and final tennis challenge match Saturday night.

Borg, who won the series 2-1, received a gold racket, said to be worth about \$30,000, and a reputed \$500,000 in prize money. McEnroe is believed to have collected \$300,000.

In the first two confrontations, played over the best of three sets, the Swede emerged the victor 6-0, 6-4 on Thursday and 6-2, 6-4 Friday.

Connors, who needed about 75 minutes to dispose of Dupre, will face seventh-seeded Eliot Teltscher in one of Saturday's semifinals. Teltscher needed a pair of tie-breakers to eliminate 14th-seeded Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia, 7-6, 7-6. The tie-breaker scores were 7-4 and 7-2.

In Saturday's other semifinal match, second-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia will face third-seeded Harold Solomon.

Lendl advanced with a 7-6, 6-1 triumph over fifth-seeded Roscoe Tanner, while Solomon rallied for a 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 victory over eighth-seeded Brian Gottfried.

In Texas, American women took a beating as Czech Hana Mandlikova and West German Bettina Bunge qualified for the semifinals in the \$100,000 Women's Houston Tennis Tournament.

Mandlikova, top seed, beat American Kate Letham 6-3, 6-4 and Bunge beat American Pam Teeguarden 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

BRIEFS

PIRAEUS, Greece (AP) — The death toll from a stampede at a sports stadium here earlier this month rose to 20 following the death of a 19-year-old soccer player reported Saturday. Festivitis Loupos died Friday at the state hospital of Piraeus of injuries sustained in the stampede on Feb. 8, which also left over 90 injured.

SARASOTA, Florida (AP) — The future of English rugby was thrown back into the melting pot Friday, when the Rugby Union committee rejected the restructuring plan advanced by John Burgess's playing subcommittee. Burgess suggested leagues at all levels of the game, and, despite the 30-20 adverse vote against his new set-up, leagues seem sure to be introduced in two years.

LONDON, (AP) — England beat India 905.

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Norwich crash to another big defeat

LONDON, Feb. 21 (R) — Four goals in the final 16 minutes gave Birmingham a 4-0 win over Norwich in the English Soccer First Division Friday night plunging their visitors deep into the relegation area.

It was the seventh defeat in a row for Norwich and, by an irony, followed a bright first half in which they missed a penalty. Kevin Bond's shot hit a post.

Tony Evans (2), Alan Ainscow and the evergreen Scot Archie Gemmill, best known for his Derby and Nottingham Forest days, were the late scorers.

In a division two match Notts county won 1-0 at Cardiff and consolidated their hold on second place. Trevor Christie scored five minutes from the end when goalkeeper Ron Healey dropped the ball on the goalline.

Meanwhile, Romanian-born Pierre Mindru was named Friday as assistant coach of the Manic, Montreal's new entry in the north American Soccer League. A resident of Montreal for the past four years, Mindru is a former coach of Progresul of Bucharest as well as First Division teams in Algeria and Morocco.

In recent years he has coached elite teams in the Quebec Soccer-Football Federation. Six of his former players have earned a spot with NASL clubs.

Mindru will join head coach Ebde Firmani at the Manic's elite tryout camp at Center Claude Robillard this Sunday.

In the Netherlands, Rob Baan had to go down in sports history as the only Dutch soccer coach who never lost a match, but he is a little less confident after lowly Cyprus nearly surprised Belgium in mid week.

Baan, interim trainer of the troubled Dutch team, will be in sole charge for Sunday's World Cup European Group Two qualifying clash against the Cypriots in this northern town.

Anything but an emphatic home victory would have been unthinkable a few years ago. But Cyprus showed immense fighting spirit in holding European championship runners-up Belgium to a 3-2 score in Brussels on Wednesday and the Dutch are demoralized after losing previous qualifying games to Belgium and Ireland.

Dutch coach Jan Kruis resigned last month shortly after his team completed participation in a Mini-World Cup Tournament in Uruguay without winning a match. His successor, former PSV Eindhoven trainer Kees Rijvers, will take over officially on July 1.

He and Baan, who will jointly manage the team for a potentially crucial World Cup game against France in Rotterdam on March 25, look back longingly to the stars who took the Netherlands to the World finals in 1974 and 1978.

Baan says his team will not make the same mistakes against Cyprus as the Belgians.

"I was surprised Belgium did not maintain their early pace which gave them a 2-0 lead. We will make far better use of the wings and not get bogged down in the middle," he said.

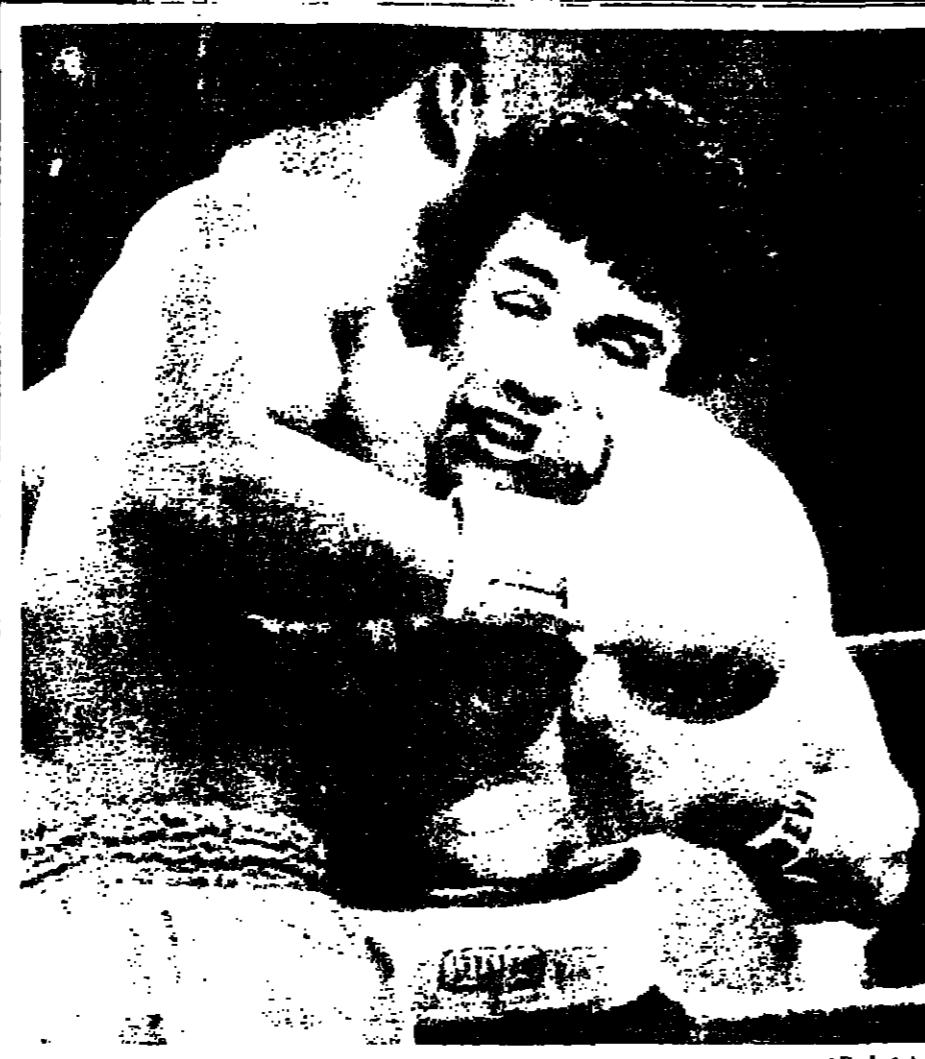
Nottingham Forest fined

ZURICH, Feb. 21 (R) — European Cup holders Nottingham Forest were fined \$30,000 Swiss francs (nearly \$16,000) for displaying advertising material on players' kit during a European Super-Cup match in Dec.

The European Football Union (UEFA) control and disciplinary commission said Forest broke a rule by displaying the material when playing Valencia, Spanish holders of the Cup Winners' Cup, in the second-leg match on Dec. 17. The English club lost on aggregate.

The panel, chaired by Dr. Alberto Barboza of Italy, also fined a West German player, Frank Millen for spitting at a linesman and for improper conduct toward the referee in an under-21 international against Bulgaria on Dec. 2.

Torino di Italy: 3,000 francs because fans



DAZED: Mustafa Hamsho appears to be weary in early action against Curtis Parker during a scheduled 10-round middleweight fight recently which was by Hamsho on a split decision.

Yograj, Shastri make impressive Test debut

WELLINGTON, Feb. 21 (AFP) — Indian cricketers Yograj Singh and Ravi Shastri celebrated their Test debut by taking valuable wickets on the first day of the first Test against New Zealand at Wellington. At stumps, New Zealand were 4 for 241.

The first wicket to fall was that of John Wright 20 minutes before lunch in the 19th over of the match with the New Zealand total at 60.

Wright slogged Yograj's delivery high into the air towards Binny who was two meters inside the boundary at long leg. Although he was looking into the sun, Binny did not need to put any effort into taking the easy catch and Wright was out for 32.

Wright's total included four boundaries and one five, which came in the 13th over when he hit a single off Kapil Dev towards Binny at square-leg.

Binny threw the ball hard at the stumps in an effort to run out Edgar but the ball sped on to the opposite boundary to give Wright five runs for the haul.

In the 36th over, with his very first ball of the Test, Sundeep Patil had the other opener Bruce Edgar caught behind for 39 runs. This Patil's third wicket in seven Tests and it was

wicketkeeper Sved Kirmani's 85th catch in 46 internationals.

The same combination of Patil and Kirmani accounted for the wicket of John Reid of the last ball of the 70th over just before drinks in the final session of the day.

Reid's long innings of 189 minutes included four boundaries and there was one period of 37 minutes when he did not score a single run.

New Zealand lost its fourth wicket six overs later when newcomer Shastri took a splendid catch off his own bowling to send Jeremy Coney back to the dressing rooms for only 4 runs off 25 balls.

Score-board
New Zealand (1st Innings):
J. Wright c Binny b Yograj Singh 32
B. Edgar c Kirmani b Patil 39
J. Reid c Kirmani b Patil 46
G. Howarth battong 77
J. Coney c and b Shastri 4
G. Edwards battong 19
Extras 24
Total (for four wickets) 241
Fall of wickets 1-60, 2-101, 3-200, 4-215.
BOWLING: Kapil Dev 26-6-71-0; Yograj Singh 12-20-1; Binny 16-3-47-0; Shastri 22-7-42-1; Patil 15-3-37-2.

Bob Willis to fly back

GEORGEON, Guyana, Feb. 21 (AFP) — Fast bowler Bob Willis has had to pull out of the England's touring cricket side because of injury. The departure of their vice-captain will add to the problems of the tourists who were crushed by the West Indies in the first Test Wednesday.

Willis, 31, who has taken 198 wickets in 57 Tests, twisted his knee in a one-day match against the Winward Islands in St. Vincent on February 1 and has not responded to treatment. He will fly back to London this weekend.

Aussies crumble

LAHORE, Pakistan, Feb. 21 (AP) — Pakistan's pace attack sent Australia crumbling to 155 for nine on the opening day of the four-day first unofficial under-19 mini-Test at the Gaddafi Stadium here Friday.

Doug Harris opening the innings, scored 52 with the help of two fours. His fine innings gave boost to the visitors but did not stem the rot which followed.

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That big soccer deal

Parting is painful, Maradona says

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina Feb. 21 (AP) — Soccer prodigy Diego Maradona switched Argentine clubs Friday night after Boca Juniors, aided by rich fans, paid \$4,375,000 and traded six top players to borrow his services for 16 months.

The deal, one of the costliest in the sport's history, gave Boca Juniors the option to pay another \$4.6 million after the June 1982 World Cup playoffs to buy the stocky midfielder outright from the Argentinos Juniors Club.

Club officials signed the agreement hours before the annual player-trading deadline, following a futile effort by Boca Juniors to raise enough downpayment for an immediate purchase which have cost about \$9 million.

The two clubs then played an exhibition match before 25,000 spectators in Boca Juniors Stadium with Maradona playing the

first half for Argentinos Juniors before donning his first Boca Juniors uniform. He scored 1 second half goal and Argentinos Juniors won 3-2.

Maradona, at 20 one of the game's brightest stars, had played his entire five-year professional career for Argentinos Juniors, a modest First-Division club that couldn't afford to keep him.

The deal with Boca Juniors put a temporary end to overtures by Spain's Barcelona Football Club, which tried to buy the player for \$10 million last year. The Argentine Football Association loaned Argentinos Juniors \$1 million to prevent the transfer, which would have jeopardized Maradona's place on the national team.

BOCA Juniors agreed to pay the \$400,000 balance of that loan plus a \$1.1-million Argentinos Juniors bank debt in addition to

putting 2.5 million in cash down for the temporary transfer and paving Maradona's 15 per cent, or \$375,000.

Under the accord, Boca Juniors will have first option to buy Maradona when the national team defends its World Cup title, and this would cost it \$4 million for Argentinos Juniors plus 600,000 for the player.

A group of Argentine businessmen who are fans of Boca Juniors put up the money for the club, which is \$4.6 million in debt. Although not named in the transfer agreement, they are the real owners of Maradona, as Boca Juniors has reportedly agreed to reimburse them a percentage of its gate earnings. The businessmen would then determine whether these earnings justify buying the player next year.

Read this week in SAUDI BUSINESS



THIS WEEK'S COVER STORY

Eating out is becoming a tough business as Geoff Gardner reports on page 22. With the Kingdom's development and the growing influx of foreign labor, restaurants tend to be more and more sophisticated and the business is no longer for amateurs.



ROYAL VISIT :

The King and Queen of Sweden are paying a royal visit to the Kingdom this week. Sweden, as Nigel Harvey found out hopes to sell its image as a neutral country and push the tri-lateral talks between the OECD, OPEC and developing countries. And of course to get a bigger slice of the Saudi market.



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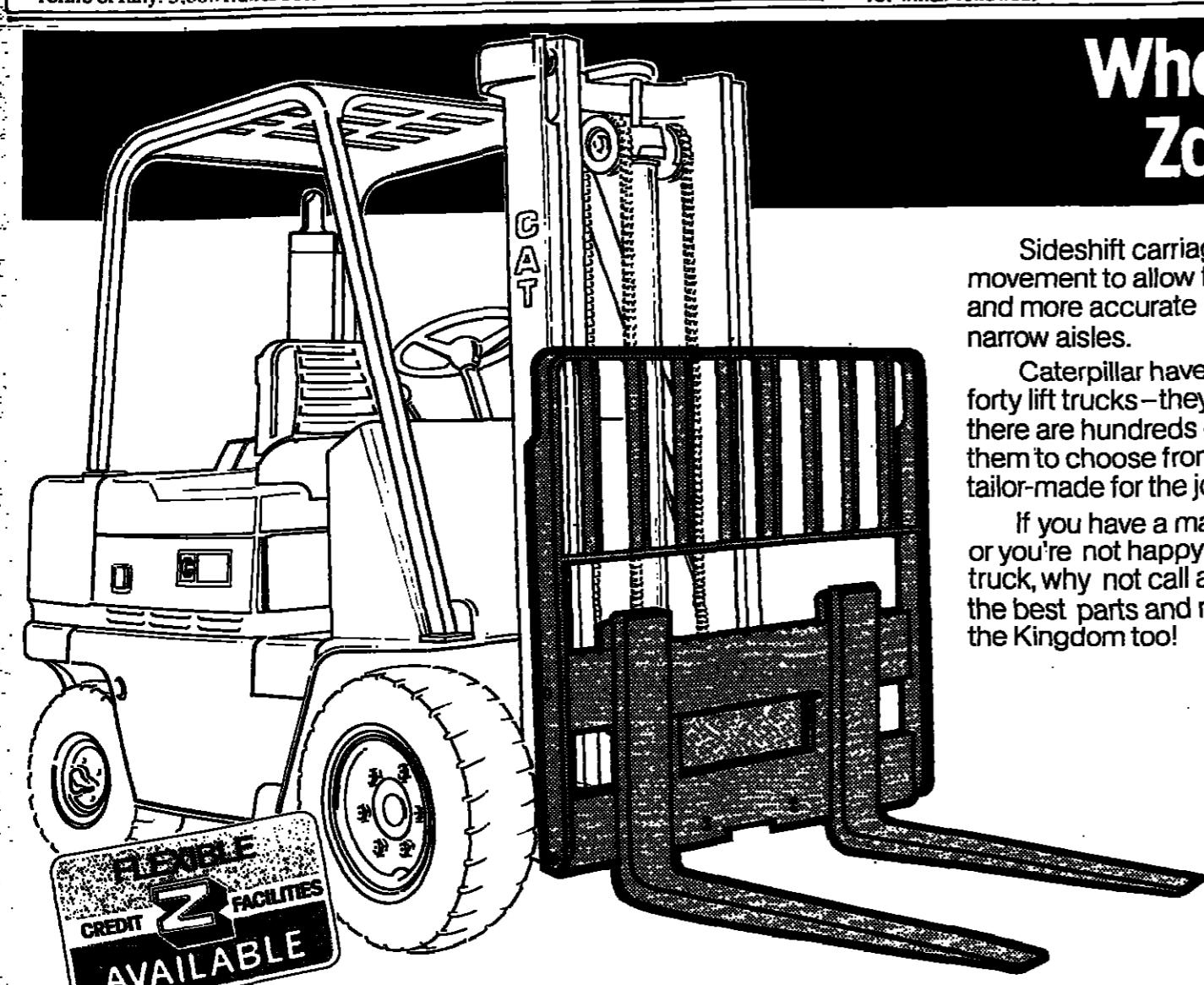
The mere size of the Saudi delegation that participated in the meeting of the Saudi-British joint commission was a good indication that things are back to normal. Anne Whitehouse reports from London on the talks and their outcome.

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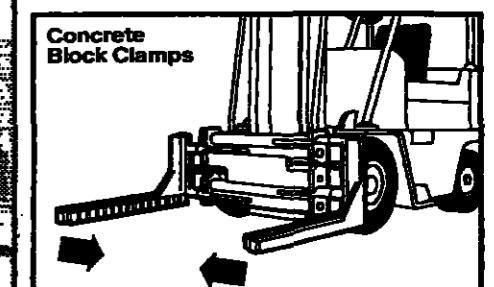
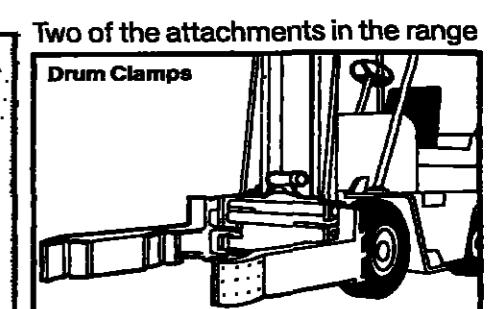
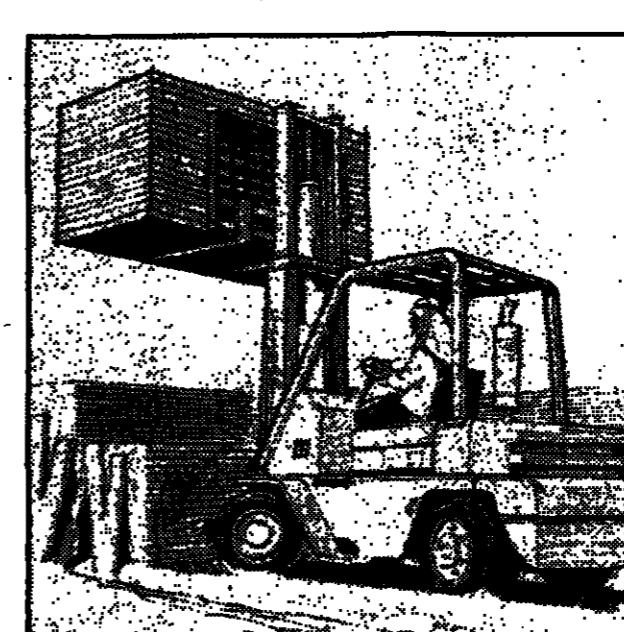
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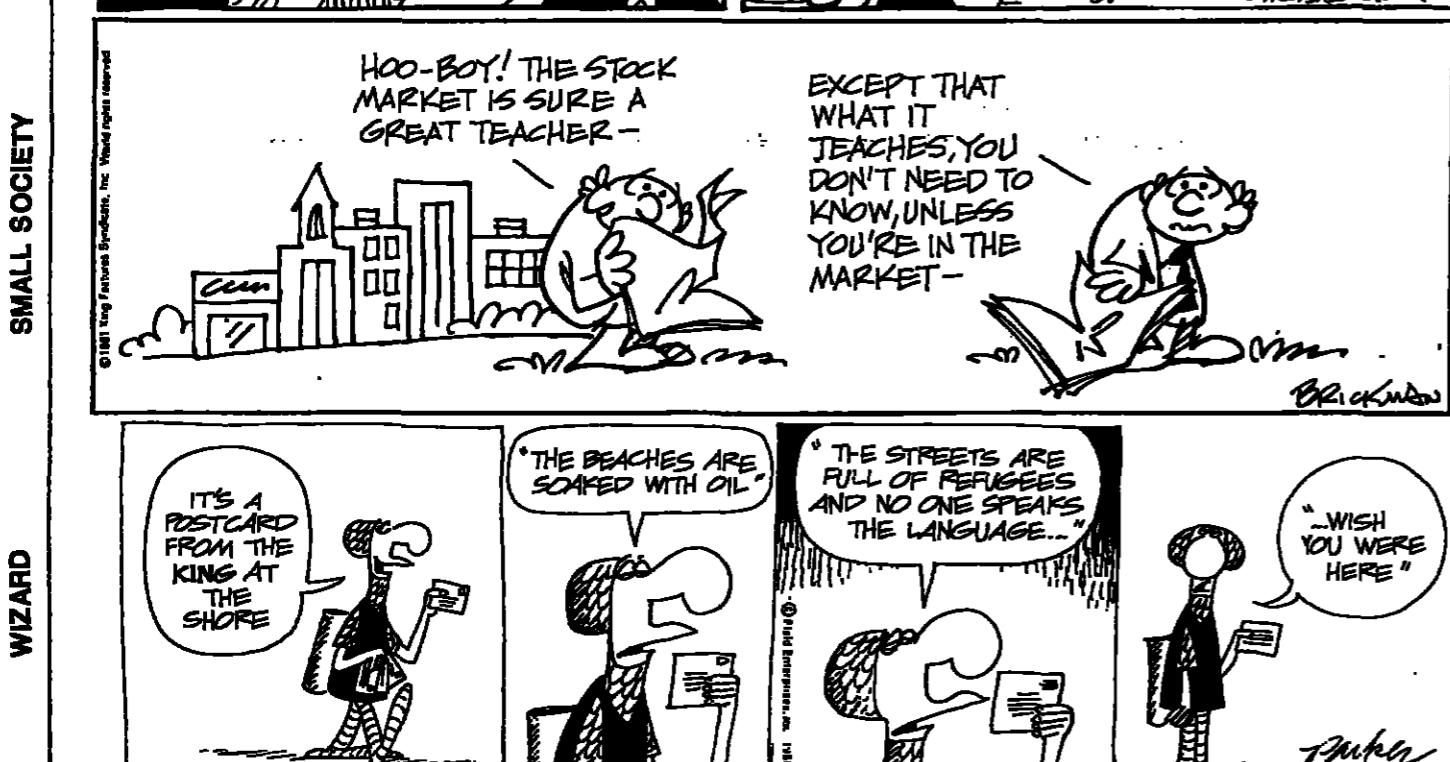
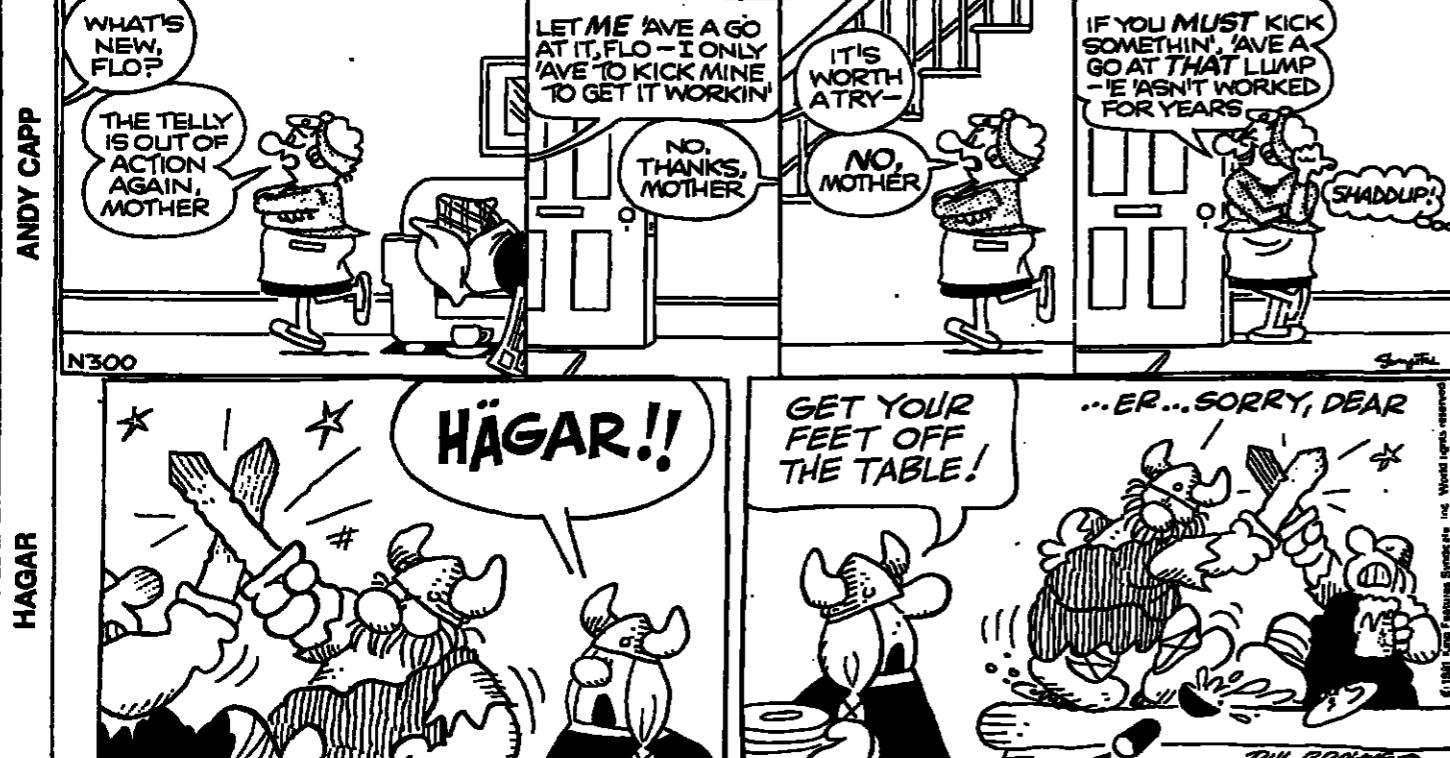
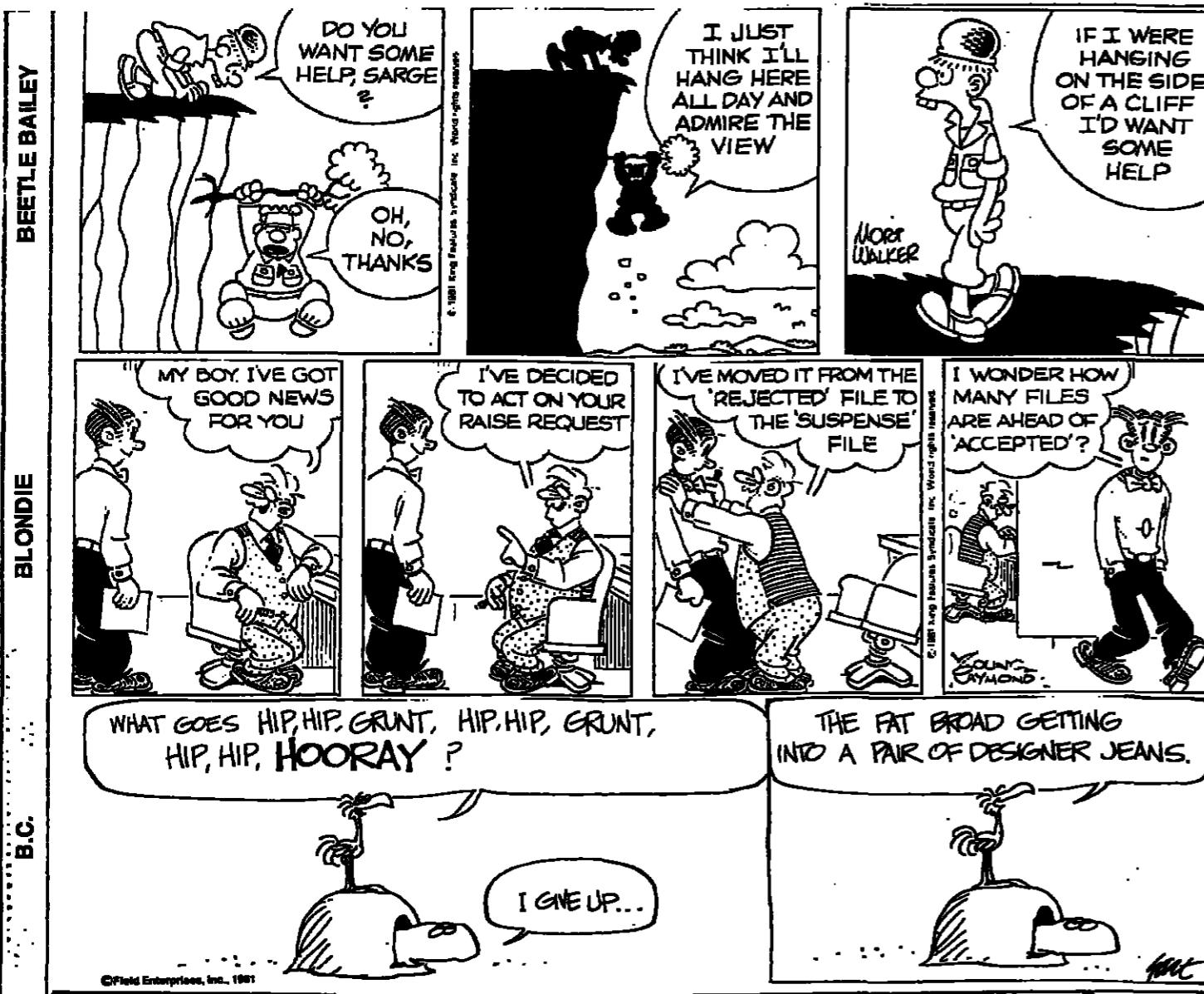
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4:30 Children's Show	Rainbow Country: Tower	2:00 Opening	2:00 Opening	L'opéra: Festival:	A 10:00
Satellite Film	How to Have an Accident in the home	2:01 Holy Quran	2:01 Genes of Guidance	— PM 10 Maghrib:	10:00
5:00 AFC Championship	How to Make a Disaster	2:02 Songs of Guidance	2:02 Songs of Guidance	— Ode à l'Amour: 11:00 Maghrib: dans la bande	10:00
7:36 Little House on the Prairie	Blind Journey — PT 2	2:03 News	2:03 News	des 22e.	
8:23 Rebecca	Episode 2	2:04 Pop Variety	2:04 Pop Variety	— Ode à l'Amour: 14:00 Khaïrât dans la bande	
9:16 Dallas	Reunion — PT 2	2:05 Light Music	2:05 Light Music	des 23e.	
GULF T.V. PROGRAMS		2:06 The News	2:06 The News	Venues de la Matinée du dimanche	
QATAR T.V. PROGRAMS	IT'S A POSTCARD FROM THE KING AT THE SHORE	2:07 Sports	2:07 Sports	— Ouverte:	
Sunday: 5:30 Quran; 5:30 Open Sesame; 6:15 Learn English; 6:30 News; 6:45 What the Papers Say; 7:00 Sports; 7:45 Arabic Series; 8:30 Arabic News; 9:00 Round-Table Discussion; 10:00 English News; 10:30 Film	THE BEACHES ARE SOAKED WITH OIL	2:08 Games & Quizzes	2:08 Games & Quizzes	— Venues Et Comptoirs;	
DEBAIN-TV (ARAMCO)	THE STREETS ARE FULL OF REFUGEES AND NO ONE SPEAKS THE LANGUAGE...	2:09 Light Music	2:09 Light Music	— Musique Classique:	
Sunday: 4:30 Sesame Street; 4:34 Call It March; 5:30 International Sports World; 7:02 Barney Miller; 7:30 Cosmonaut; 8:35 Eight is Enough; 9:15 Barnaby Jones	WISH YOU WERE HERE	2:10 Songs of Guidance	2:10 Songs of Guidance	— Bonjour:	
BAHRAM T.V. PROGRAMS		2:11 Light Music	2:11 Light Music	— Variétés:	
Sunday: 4:00 Quran; 4:25 Today's Programs; 4:30 English Programs; 6:10 Soldiers Diary; 7:00 Daily Arabic Series; 8:00 Arabic News; 8:10 English News; 9:35 Tomorrows Programs; 10:00 Local Programs; 10:30 Arabic Film/Play; 12:00 English News	THE EVENING SHOW	2:12 Light Music	2:12 Light Music	— Fêteuse sur le passé:	
DUBAI 10 T.V. PROGRAM	THE EVENING SHOW	2:13 Light Music	2:13 Light Music	— Musique Orientale:	
Sunday: 5:00 Quran; 5:15 Religious Talk; 5:30 Cartoons; 6:00 Quiz Program; 6:30 Sports; 7:30 Religious Series; 8:00 Local News; 8:10 Pioneers; 9:00 Arabic Drama; 10:00 World News; 10:35 Songs Program Preview; 10:50 Classic Arabic Film.	COMPARISONS OF THE PROPHET	2:14 Light Music	2:14 Light Music	— Vacances du Soirée du dimanche	
DUBAI 33 T.V. PROGRAM	IT'S A POSTCARD FROM THE KING AT THE SHORE	2:15 Alphabet of Musical Curios	2:15 Alphabet of Musical Curios	— Ouverte:	
Sunday: 6:00 Quran; 6:15 Cartoons; 6:30 Lassie; 7:10 Pandit My Genie; 7:30 Work in Cincinnati; 8:00 Islamic Horizons; 8:05 Local News; 8:10 Quincy; 9:00 Who Pays the Ferryman; 10:00 World News; 10:25 Adams Rib; 10:50 Amazigh Theater.	THE BEACHES ARE SOAKED WITH OIL	2:16 Light Music	2:16 Light Music	— Venues Et Comptoirs;	
KUWAIT 2 T.V. PROGRAM	THE STREETS ARE FULL OF REFUGEES AND NO ONE SPEAKS THE LANGUAGE...	2:17 Light Music	2:17 Light Music	— Musique Classique:	
Sunday: 7:05 Cartoons; 7:35 Temperature Rising; 8:00 News in English; 8:15 Golden Soul; 9:00 Islam; 9:30 Culture Film; 10:00 Rockin' Files	WISH YOU WERE HERE	2:18 Light Music	2:18 Light Music	— Bonjour:	
OMAN T.V. PROGRAM	WISH YOU WERE HERE	2:19 Light Music	2:19 Light Music	— Variétés:	
Sunday: 5:02 Quran; 5:08 Today's Programs; 5:15 Student's Programs; 6:15 Cartoons; 6:30 Adult Education; 6:50 Cartoons; 7:20 Agriculture Program; 7:45 Songs; 7:50 Arabic Film; 8:30 Arabic News; 9:00 Religious Series; 9:30 Local Arabic News; 9:50 Songs; Soldier's Diary; 10:00 English News; 10:30 English Film; 11:30 News; 11:55 Quran.	THE EVENING SHOW	2:20 Light Music	2:20 Light Music	— Fêteuse sur le passé:	
RAS AL KHAIMA TV PROGRAMS	IT'S A POSTCARD FROM THE KING AT THE SHORE	2:21 Light Music	2:21 Light Music	— Musique Orientale:	
Sunday: 5:45 Quran; 6:00 Kimba; 6:20 Landor; 7:10 The Adventure; 7:35 Theater Of Stars; 8:20 Rollin On The River; 8:45 Feature; 10:15 Dr. Keddie; 10:40 I Spy.	THE EVENING SHOW	2:22 Light Music	2:22 Light Music	— Vacances du Soirée du dimanche	

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Al-Toufi Pharmacy	Addis Street	8:09 Twenty-Four Hours	1:30 Discovers	9:00 World News	World News
Bard Pharmacy	Stilbar, Near of Shifa Dispensary	8:10 News Summary	2:00 World News	9:09 News about Britain	News about Britain
MEDINA	—	8:30 Sarah Ward	2:09 News about Britain	9:15 Radio Network	Radio Network
Osiris Pharmacy	Al-Otiba	8:45 World Today	2:10 News about Britain	9:30 Family World	Family World
Bazzy Pharmacy	Ajyad	9:00 Newsdesk	2:15 Alphabet of Musical Curios	10:00 Outlook News	Outlook News
MEDINA	—	9:30 Opera Star	2:30 Sports International	10:39 Stock Market Report	Stock Market Report
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Al-Hijrah Pharmacy	Next to Falaki Hospital	11:15 Piano Style	5:15 Report on Religion	1:00 World News	World News
QATIF	The Intra Street	11:30 Brain of Britain 1978	6:00 Radio Newsreel	1:09 World Today	World Today
AS-SAFI Pharmacy	8661551	12:00 World News	6:15 Outlook	1:25 Financial News	Financial News
BORJ	8551720	12:09 British Press Review	7:00 World News	1:40 Book Choice	Book Choice
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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth Sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to April 19) Social life should be quite stimulating now. Group activities are favored. Don't let small problems build up in relationships.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This is a good time to make an impression on higher-ups. A social event could lead to important business connections.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Travel and cultural events are emphasized. You should accept invitations to go out, but don't take loved ones for granted.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be alert for financial opportunities now. Some of you will receive a gift. Try to be more accommodating with family members.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Express romantic sentiments. Your charm and personality should make a favorable impression on others. Watch for minor travel delays.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You may find a good value at an auction or while shopping. Sideline business negotiations now. Make Sunday a day of rest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You may receive faulty advice about a financial matter. You're charming and personable now. You'll impress others favorably.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) Put aside business concerns and enjoy personal satisfactions. You'll enjoy private moments with a loved one. Hobbies are fun, too!

meet with success in creative projects. Socialize with co-workers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Children's affairs are happily emphasized. Romance and hobbies bring satisfaction, but be protective of health and diet.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Entertaining at home is your best bet for fun. Indications say the social scene affords less satisfaction. Be tactful in romance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Unexpected visitors could disrupt your domestic routine. Local visits may prove to be romantic. Expect some good news via phone.

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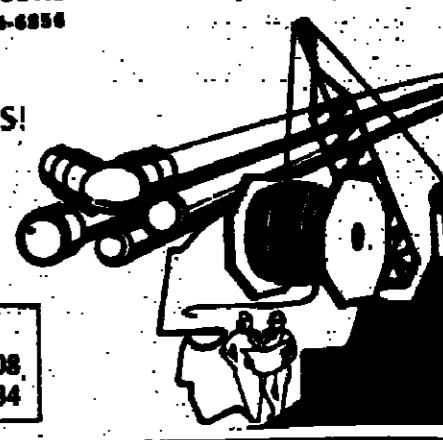
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Defending Europe

U.S. favors bigger NATO role

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (R) — A senior Pentagon official said Saturday the United States would neither upgrade its forces in Europe nor bear the burden of defending Western interests elsewhere unless allied defense spending increased sharply. Deputy Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci's remarks, prepared for a military conference in Munich, were described by officials here as a major statement of the new administration's policy toward NATO. The text was released by the Pentagon.

Carlucci, former deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, said President

Ustinov raps Washington

MOSCOW, Feb. 21 (AFP) — Soviet Defense Minister Dmitri Ustinov Saturday denounced Washington's failure to ratify the Soviet-American SALT-II (strategic arms limitation treaty), and the new U.S. administration's "position of force" against the Soviet Union.

In a *Pravda* article on Soviet "army and fleet" day, he said the American attitude had "no future", while approval of SALT II — which the Senate under former President Jimmy Carter failed to ratify — was still an "effective" way to combat the arms race. Ustinov also accused "imperialist forces" carrying out "subversive" activities against Poland aimed at "destabilizing the country, discrediting the socialist regime and weakening the socialist community."

The Soviet strategic policy was "strongly defensive" in nature, he said, adding that Soviet armed forces were equipped with the latest weapons to defend the "interests of socialism".

Reprisals threatened

Dutch decision to sell submarines irks Peking

PEKING, Feb. 21 (AFP) — China Saturday appeared set on carrying out its threat of diplomatic reprisals against The Hague following the Dutch government's decision to maintain its authorization of the sale of two submarines to the Taipei government. An official Chinese spokesman described the Dutch government's decision Friday as "extremely regrettable". "We shall make our response after studying the formal reply from the Dutch," the spokesman said.

China had already warned Jan. 19 that the sale of the two submarines to Taipei would automatically trigger Chinese reprisals, namely the downgrading of the current diplomatic relations (at ambassadorial level) to the charge d'affaires level which existed before the full normalization between the two countries in 1972. The dispute began late last year over plans by the Rotterdam shipyard Rijn-Schelde-Vervenne to build the two submarines for Taipei.

Peking holds that the sale violates the principles governing the Sino-Dutch normalization, under which The Hague recognizes that Taipei is an integral part of China. Analysts here said the Chinese tough stance on the issue was meant as a warning to Washington, as Peking fears that U.S. President Ronald Reagan may carry out his stated intentions — voiced during the U.S. presidential campaign — to restore official ties with Taipei.

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Ronald Reagan had begun sharply cutting domestic spending and increasing defense efforts, and Congress would insist the allies make similar sacrifices. He also called on the allies "to maintain the political conditions and public support necessary for modernization of long-range theater nuclear forces" as agreed by NATO in 1979.

In return, as part of what he called "a mature alliance," he said the administration would correct past U.S. tendencies to act inconsistently and without consulting the allies.

"The United States no longer produces and consumes 50 per cent of the world's gross national product. Europe is no longer shattered, impoverished and disunited. Indeed, western Europe's total GNP exceeds that of

the United States. In this situation, the United States cannot be expected to improve and strengthen U.S. forces in Europe unless other allies increase their own contribution to the combined defense effort. Nor can the United States, unaided, bear the burden of promoting Western interests beyond Europe," he said.

As a result of a steady Soviet military buildup, he said, the tragic nuclear balance had shifted from "unquestioned U.S. superiority to essential equivalence, and the prospect, if appropriate steps are not taken, of possible inferiority." Countering these ominous trends and harsh realities "requires substantial additional resources, rather than more rhetoric or disputed about percentages," Carlucci said.

While reaffirming the U.S. commitment to NATO's policy of increasing defense spending of three per cent a year, he said the allies should find better ways to measure military capability. He said the Reagan administration had set out to spend even more than the three per cent agreed upon. When Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger presents the much higher defense budget request to Congress next month, "he will be asked what new sacrifices our allies will make to join the American people in the common undertaking," Carlucci said.

Weinberger will point to substantial contributions the allies are already making, he said. "But this is not enough. We want to demonstrate that our allies and friends are contributing their fair share of the common burden." He said Western Europe's great interest in the security of the oil-producing Gulf was well recognized, but the large contribution it could make to defending that vital region was less well understood.

He said he was not urging a formal role for NATO, which has been limited traditionally to European and Atlantic defense, but was calling for efforts by members to improve their ties with nations in the region and deploy forces there.

On arms control, Carlucci said the United States would work closely with its European allies to achieve common positions "in areas of special concern to you." Carlucci noted that the Europeans considered their commitment to modernizing nuclear forces to be closely linked to continued arms control negotiations with Moscow. "Regrettably, the Soviets apparently do not acknowledge that relationship," he said. "Indeed, they are rapidly deploying the SS-20 missile in eastern Europe."

"It is imperative, therefore, for NATO to remain firm in implementing its modernization decision if we are to have reasonable hope for progress in arms control." A State Department spokesman said Secretary of State Alexander Haig had received an advance copy of Carlucci's speech and agreed that it was a major statement of the new administration's policy toward NATO.

Meanwhile, in Taipei, government officials expressed guarded optimism about the instance of the Dutch government to sell two submarines to Taipei despite a second thought of the Dutch parliament.

"This is purely a business matter," one government official pointed out. "Yet, international politics seemed to have polluted business transactions in recent years," he added.

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Florence kidnappers free youth unharmed

FLORENCE, Feb. 21 (AP) — Dario Ciaschi, 19, who was kidnapped as he left a high school gym Oct. 29, was released unharmed Saturday after his family paid a ransom believed to be more than \$1 million police said. The manner in which he was released and the exact amount of the ransom were not immediately known. Police were interviewing the teenager at his home to determine where he was dropped off and how he was released.

Ciaschi, the son of a contractor, was abducted from outside a gym about 15 kms from Florence by several masked armed men who forced him into their car. The kidnappers shot a basketball coach in the arm who tried to stop the abduction, injuring him lightly. Ciaschi plays basketball as an amateur.

5 die in air collision

NEW DELHI, Feb. 21 (AP) — Five persons were killed when an air force helicopter and a single-engine trainer aircraft collided mid-air and crashed at Patiala aerodrome, 10 kms north of here Friday it was reported Saturday.

The dead were two army captains, a flying instructor and his trainee and a woman cutting grass at the airfield. The accident occurred when the trainer aircraft, belonging to the IAF flying club, overshot the runway and the Cheetah helicopter from below.

At a televised press conference outlining the plan, Minister of Home Trade Adao Kowalik said the government would not oppose Solidarity's insistence that coupons for rationed articles be provided for those who are fit to work but choose not to. The only people not included in the plan are farmers who do not sell at least \$300 worth of farm goods to the government each year.

The plan, to be tested for three months initially, includes a halving of sugar rations to one kg per month in March and running through October because of the need to import some 200,000 tons of sugar to meet current needs.

The government, meanwhile, confirmed that food rationing will begin April 1 for three months to assure the nation's 36 million residents equal supplies of available food. Shortages of meat and sugar have grown since striking workers sought food rationing

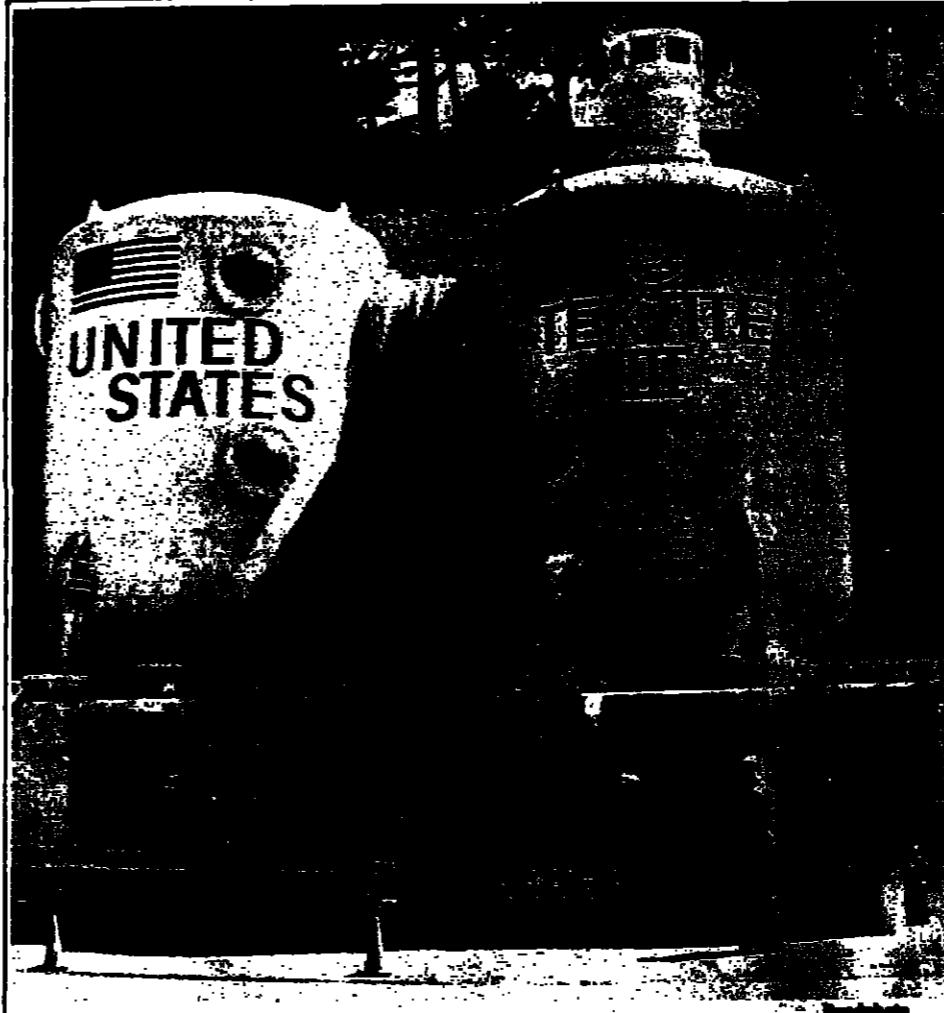
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The commission on the economy, which will be headed by Vice Premier Mieczyslaw Jagiełski, is intended to ensure that social and economic measures to restore balance to the economy, are applied effectively.

The commission on the unions, to be chaired by Vice-Premier Mieczyslaw Rakowski, will be responsible for explaining the government's policy to the unions and for taking part in negotiations. The commission on food, headed by Vice-Premier Roman Malinowski, will have a consultative role on questions of management and output in the food sector.

Ministers appealed to farmers to ensure that work normally done in the spring was carried out correctly and asked administrative officials to help the farmers in every way. The cabinet adopted a resolution on meat rationing and decided to set up three commissions responsible for the economy.

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War mediation

Palme meets Rajai aide

TEHRAN, Feb. 21 (Agencies) — Former Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme, the special U.N. envoy attempting new mediation in the Iran-Iraq war, had talks here Saturday with Premier Muhammad Ali Rajai's political adviser, Muhammad Hashemi Rafsanjani, the Iranian news agency Pars said. Palme, who arrived here Thursday after a three-day stay in the Iraqi capital Baghdad, would leave Tehran Sunday, a spokesman for him said. He met President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr Friday.

The newspaper *Mizan*, considered sympathetic to former Premier Mehdi Bazargan, Saturday criticized "diplomatic anarchy" in Iran, following talks between Palme and supreme court president Ayatollah Muhammad Beheshti. The two men were to meet again Saturday, the spokesman for Palme said.

Mizan recalled that they had met during Palme's two previous missions here, and said it was "unprecedented in the world that foreign diplomatic and political authorities should arrive in a country and meet officials other than those from the foreign ministry, unless it (the ministry) has given authorization." The newspaper also deplored the

Sihanouk asks Son Sann to join Kampuchea talks

PEKING, Feb. 21 (AFP) — Former Kampuchean head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk has invited the main anti-Communist group in the country to join him in the proposed negotiations with the Khmer Rouge on the formation of an anti-Vietnamese coalition in the first week of March.

In a message from his home in Pyongyang, North Korea, where he lives in exile, received Saturday by the Agence France-Presse bureau here, Prince Sihanouk said he had proposed to Son Sann's Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF) to take part in "the discussions between the Khmer Rouge and us, and the nationalists".

Sihanouk recently stated that he conditionally agreed to lead a Kampuchean united front against Vietnamese occupation forces.

Son Sann, a former premier under the prince, was named by the latter as one of the three Kampuchean figures likely to head a coalition government. With its 3,000 men, Son Sann's KPNLF is the leading anti-Communist resistance movement battling the Hanoi-backed Phnom Penh regime.

The two other figures named by Sihanouk as possible premiers of a coalition government are Khieu Samphan, leader of the deposed Khmer Rouge regime, and Penn Nouth, premier in Kampuchea's former royal government toppled by a pro-American coup in 1970.

Fielding some 30,000 men against the 200,000 Vietnamese troops deployed in Kampuchea, the Chinese-backed Khmer Rouge represent the principal resistance force confronting the pro-Vietnamese Phnom Penh regime.

Aware of the Khmer Rouge's tarnished image in the world — they are held responsible for the massacres of hundreds of thousands of Kampuchean during their three-year rule in Phnom Penh — China has been trying for some time to talk Prince Sihanouk into leading an anti-Vietnamese coalition.



fact that the content of their talks was not announced and that "foreign diplomats and ambassadors posted in Tehran go wherever they like and meet whomsoever they want, without any controls."

Bani-Sadr told Palme Friday that Iran rejected any peace negotiations with Iraq as long as a single Iraqi soldier remained on war-conquered Iranian territory, Tehran radio reported.

The president and Palme also discussed "Principles" on which agreement could be reached to end the 152-day-old war between Iran and Iraq on the northern flank of the Gulf, according to the broadcast.

The state radio did not spell out these principles. But Palme defined them in a statement he made in Baghdad on Thursday before flying to the Iranian capital as "non-interference in domestic affairs and non-seizure of territory by force."

Palme told newsmen before the meeting the peace-making process was "extremely complicated and difficult," but that he would continue his efforts and possibly make more trips to the two warring nations until a solution to resolve the crisis is reached, according to the broadcast.

Meanwhile, fifty-six Iranians were killed in fighting along the Gulf war battlefield in 24 hours, the official Iraqi News Agency reported Friday night. The agency said 14 Iraqis died. It quoted an Iraqi high command communiqué as saying that an oil tank was set on fire in the Abadan region of Iran and two gunboats were destroyed in the nearby Karun River.

2 Cubans seek Portugal visas

LISBON, Feb. 21 (AP) — Two Soviet-trained Cuban communications technicians hopeful of resettling in the United States have broken their Moscow-Havana flight at Lisbon with requests for temporary Portuguese visas, airport authorities said here.

The two Cubans, Carlos Manuel Sarraf Diaz, 25, and Roberto Lazaro Garcia Morales, 26, approached Friday an official at Lisbon's Portela airport during a routine stopover on the Aeroflot flight from the Soviet capital and indicated they wished to leave their country for political reasons, adding they would apply to join relatives living in the United States.

Portela authorities said the pair had asked for and received four-day Portuguese entry visas, the 15th and 16th Cubans to do so over the past six months. Portugal has continued to renew identical visas given to the earlier Cuban arrivals pending resolution of their requests to move on to the United States.

The latest incident came nearly two weeks after Portugal expelled Aeroflot's resident director of operations, Vitali Baranov, in retaliation for a thwarted attempt by another Cuban to remain in Lisbon Dec. 27.

A group of fellow passengers restrained the Cuban and hustled him out of the airport lounge and back aboard the Aeroflot liner. The expulsion order charged the others were "specially-trained" security agents" and termed the scene "an affront to Portuguese sovereignty."

Garcia was reportedly married to an El Salvadoran national living in Leningrad. Diaz's wife, also reported living in Leningrad, is a Soviet citizen, the authorities said.

23 hurt in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, Feb. 21 (AP) — An explosion shattered a jewelry store Saturday in a popular tourist shopping center, injuring 23 persons. Initial reports said four Europeans, believed to be tourists, were among the casualties. Police said they did not know who might have set off the bomb.

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